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INFORMATION WANTED of William V. Brown, who left New York in July, 1849 for California. When last heard from, he was at Coloma, El Dorado County His sister is now in this city, and any one having knowledge of his whereabouts, will please send the same to this office.
(Sacramento Union copy.) je9

[Written for the Fireman's Journal.]

A Visit to the State Insane Asylum at Stockton.

BY "MARK."

While in Stockton, during the excursion of the "Howard Company," about two weeks since, I received a very polite invitation from Dr. Reid to visit the Asylum for the Insane. Although feeling a reluctance to pass through a scene of so much misery and misfortune, and having in remembrance the deep impression made upon my mind on visiting a similar institution when a boy, I complied with the request of Dr. Reid, and in company with Dr. Cowan, the visiting physician, Mr. Booker, one of the Trustees, and several other gentlemen, reached the institution on Wednesday morning, June 20th. The day was lovely, (although the heat at times was somewhat oppressive,) the ride to the Asylum pleasant, and companions agreeable. The building is situated in the centre of a plot of ground of about one hundred acres, deeded to the State for the purposes of an Asylum, by Captain Weber. The main building is seventy feet square, three stories in height, and cost $58,000 in State scrip, and is devoted to the purposes for which such buildings are used for. The wing, built in 1852, cost almost as much as the main building, and is one hundred and thirty feet in length, by fifty feet in width. The grounds around the buildings are not yet laid, but no time should be lost in making the requisite arrangements for the construction of an elegant garden. An ample appropriation from the State is needed for such a purpose. The Institution was created as a State Hospital in 1851, and in 1853 the General Hospital was abolished, leaving none but the Insane. The number of patients admitted in the General Hospital was 1,870, and the number of Insane, 730, during the whole period. The edifice is constructed of brick, rough, and when entirely finished is to be covered with mastic; when the left wing is added, the entire front of the building will be about two hundred and seventy feet, and from the design shown me by Mr. Corcoran, it will be a massive structure, and a credit to the State.

Upon entering the Asylum, I was kindly received by Dr. Reid, and after a short interval accompanied the party to inspect the interior On passing through the halls and rooms dedicated to the patients, whose misfortunes compel them to be a charity upon strangers, I was forcibly struck with the great cleanliness and perfect order pervading every portion of the edifice, the floors of the halls, where the patients were allowed to walk constantly on them, were as white and as clear as if the boards had been newly laid. The bed-rooms, bath-rooms, closets, and in fact, every apartment showed evidence of the care taken by those in charge. I was astonished to learn that the whole work of keeping the building in order devolved upon four persons, instead, as I supposed, of at least a dozen The walls were without a spot, and the entire appearance unexceptionable.

At the time of my visit there were 154 patients in the Asylum, 132 of the number being males, and 22 females. More than one-half are Americans, and the balance foreigners from every nation. Eighteen of the females are Americans, and four foreigners; all of the females married except two. On January 1st, 1855, there were 134 patients in the Asylum; since then 78 had been received, and 60 discharged entirely cured. The ages of the patients vary from 10 to 70 years, the majority however being between 20 and 30 years of age.

The patients looked in perfect health, many of them fat and stout, showing evident signs of good treatment. They appeared to be contented, (and if the word can be used in connection with them] at the same time happy. There were many cases of insanity, so peculiar, that I could scarcely restrain myself from entertaining the impression that the patients I was addressing were sane people. One would speak of his possessions in California and the Sandwich Islands, Cuba and elsewhere and of the manner of improving their value—the rise certain portions would take in the market when the Pacific Railroad Depot was located adjacent, and the style he would live in when it all came to pass. Another, whom loss of property consigned to the mad house, addressed me by name, said that my face was familiar to him, that he had seen me often in San Francisco, but before the astonishment of meeting him in such a place had worn off, the marks of insanity became so apparent, that all doubts were soon dispelled.

There was one who imagined himself King James I., and with his head covered with a cocked hat for a crown, he would order his imaginary subjects, with stately mien. The appearance of a handsome dog, belonging to one of the visitors, drew his attention from his Kingship, and afforded him amusement. Another supposed that he had been incarcerated for the reason that the whole world had robbed, whereas he was the only one innocent; he begged Dr. Reid in my presence, to give him his liberty on the following day, to which the Dr. gave a consoling and apparently satisfactory reply. It occurred to my mind that this poor suppliant for liberty was not the first, who, in reality, and not in imagination, laid his head to rest in a prison's cell, when the guilty lived upon the world with head erect.

There was one poor fellow who had been an inmate of the Asylum for four years, since its first inception, and had not during that whole period, spoken a single word. He was a man of about 40 years of age, fine looking, dark hair and eyes, and withal an intelligent look. It is true he had been known to smile, with a melancholy look, when Dr. Reid would kindly speak to him, but gave no other sign. He was a man without a name, without speech, or anything that could give a clue to his origin, far away from home and friends, a stranger in a strange land, bereft of reason, and an inmate of such an abode. What a sorrowful sight he presented? I thought that across the sea, among the homes of our fathers, or in a foreign clime, there might be those who awaited his coming with bright visions of future happiness passed in his society, who listened to every step, prayed for his comforts and his hopes, and for the time when the arms of [man's only friend] a mother might embrace him, or the sweet kiss of a loving sister might be impressed upon his lips, and who, could they be cognizant of his fate, would leave home and fireside, sever the ties of friendship and association to administer one drop of comfort to his painful life. But it will be otherwise, on, on, he will linger in that hopeless state of chaos, a recipient of those kindnesses which humanity prompts, until "he who giveth and taketh away, shall call him to eternity."

The poor little French boy, "Eddy," [whom San Franciscans will recollect became deranged from fear, on account of an attempt made by a sailor, in joke, to throw him overboard, while in a ship coming round the Horn] is still in the Asylum. This is also a melancholy case. He is a beautiful boy, with full, large, black eyes, handsome forehead and features, and clear complexion. He sings and dances very nearly the entire day, is a pet with the physicians, and at times is allowed to roam in the yard of the Asylum alone. There are periods when he is very violent, and it becomes necessary to confine him.

There were one or two inmates the victims of that most insidious and unmeaning of all humbugs—"Spiritualism," had lost property, friends and reason, had attained no good for themselves, but had enriched others, their reciprocation being the cold walls of an Asylum. Such men are entitled to pity and sympathy—but not from the heart.

There were several patients in the Asylum from the loss of property, and a large number from diseases of all descriptions; they were generally very quiet, roamed over the building, following the visitors at every step, and to all appearances, taking an interest in what was transpiring.

After having thoroughly examined the portion of the Asylum allotted to the males, I was conducted by Dr. Reid to the women's apartment. Those among them whose cases are of a mild insanity are provided with rooms in the private residence of Dr. Reid, the wife of the latter having supervision of them. Those of the women whose insanity is of a violent nature, have apartments in the second story of the main building. One or two of the female patients were victims of Spiritualism; others, from diseases natural to the sex.

There was one very pretty and interesting woman insane from the ill treatment of her husband. I felt, in looking upon her, the blush of shame mantle on my cheeks, to know that there are those among the sex, counterfeits on the name of man, so base as to forget all the ties of husband and of father, and all those attributes and qualities which adorn man's character, as to drive from its throne the reason of a wife, and deprive his offspring of the care of their truest friend. God grant that such cases may be but seldom inscribed on the tablets of the memory

I visited, also, with Dr. Reid, the apartments of those females whose insanity was of a violent nature—there were but three or four, only two of whom I saw. One was a young woman, apparently, twenty-four years of age. She was chained by the feet and hands to her iron bedstead. As far as I could judge from her sitting posture, she was of good height, pleasant features, black hair, [cut short,] and black eyes; when she smiled, as she did when Dr. Reid spoke to her in Spanish, her face assumed a sweet expression, but soon returned to its wonted stare As she sat upon her bed, she kept constantly swaying her body from side to side. She is the most violent maniac in the Asylum. Her history, as an inmate of the Asylum, was a short one. She had been seduced at Montevideo, where her parents are said to reside, by the Captain of a ship, and brought to this city under the promise of marriage, but when they arrived here, he deserted her; and she from the attendant causes became a maniac.

This case had the effect to set me musing, and I thought how beautifully the laws of our land, and upon whose virtues we all descant so much, were exemplified by this poor woman.

A man in the heat of excitement, urged on by insult, real or imaginary, whose passions are raging like the sea in a temptest, and whose mind for the moment is under a cloud, deprives of life his fellow man; in more instances than one the fatal instrument of death, wielded by his nervous hand is scarcely discharged or withdrawn, than he is taken by an infuriated band of men, who deem themselves outraged by the act. It is true but one has been deprived of life, and without any preconceived intent, but yet the perpetrator must die, and as has been done, without time for prayer, or a word with his nearest friend, he is launched into eternity, while the body of his victim is yet warm above the earth

On the other hand, we see a man in full possession of all the faculties which God implants in the human frame—cool, calm and collected his plans are laid—with deliberation and cunning arts he makes the advance—*his victim* [a young confiding and guileless woman] is a prize worthy to be won, and in her capture *renown* is a recompense. His movements are watched by the same class who so nobly avenged the murdered, they look on unmoved, and more than that, the seducer receives from them an approving wink and smile, and they say "he's devilish lucky" Through base acts of treachery, through perjured sentiments, and unblushing sin, he gains the *acme* of his ambition—the ruin of her he is in pursuit of, he has accomplished his purpose, tasted of its fruit, and then left it to wither and die. Do they who were so anxious to avenge the law on the murderer of a moment pursue the same course in this case—oh! no, not they! The seducer is a chieftain, has gained a victory, over the heart of innocence. He is entitled to distinction, and most surely does he get it. He passes on through the changing scenes of life, with lofty carriage, but his victim pines in the maniac's cell. The seducer is a man, and can live down the scandal and reproaches of the world. His victim is a woman, for her there is no middle course to pursue. She must either be an angel or a devil.

The single murderer in blackness, is nothing, in comparison, for the seducer murders in numbers The brave old oak, the "Father," withers and decays under his disgrace, the heart becomes weary and broken, the storm is too much for him to bear, and he sinks into his grave. The "Mother" goes down to her last rest with sorrowing and grey hairs. The noble-spirited "Brother," his ambition and courage gone, leaves his destroyed home to seek some place where his disgrace is not public. The "Sister," the sharer of a sisters grief, withdraws from the world and is lost forever. Thus it is. While the assassin drags but one to the earth, the seducer murders families, and his doom should be the murderers grave. The laws of society however are to the contrary.

But I have written more than I intended. A few lines in addition, relative to the management of the Asylum, and I have done. There are only four male and two female attendants, a steward and a matron, the wife of Dr. Reid. The Trustees of the Asylum are Messrs. Nelson Taylor, P. E. Jordan, Samuel A. Booker, Andrew Lester and Enoch Gove. These gentlemen, together with Drs. Reid and Cowan, have faithfully fulfilled the trust imposed upon them. Dr. Reid is kind and indulgent to those under his control, and the most hopeless of his patient's have some way of expressing their gladness whenever he approaches. The State, through its Legislature, ought to be profuse in its appropriations to support the Insane Asylum; as it is now conducted it is an honor to the State, and the positions of those in authority in the Asylum should never be made subject to any change consequent upon any political rise or downfall.

OUR BALTIMORE CORRESPONDENCE.

BALTIMORE, June 4, 1855.

EDITOR FIREMAN'S JOURNAL:—Since my last letter our city has been visited by one of the largest fires that has occurred in Baltimore for years. It was first discovered in the large wholesale clothing warehouse of Messrs. Daily, Massey & Co., situated on Baltimore street, one door east of Howard, and with the greatest rapidity, owing to the scarcity of water in that neighborhood, spread to the adjoining property occupied by Messrs. Slingluff & Co., dry good dealers; Norris & Co, grocer and liquor dealers; S. S. Bantz, shoe dealer; and Tavaner & Co., on Baltimore street: on Howard street—Meyer & Co., jewellers; E. Bennett, notion store; and J Cushing & Co., booksellers. The fire at one time assumed the most threatening appearance, and it was feared would destroy the entire block, but was finally checked by the almost superhuman efforts of our generous firemen. The loss has been variously estimated, but will no doubt reach $200,000, of which two-thirds is covered by insurance.

The great trial (of which I informed you in my last,) between the Independent and the Deptford Engines, came off on Monday, the 28 h inst, in the presence of some five thousand persons, and was conducted under the following agreement:—

BALTIMORE, May 26, 1855.

At a meeting of the Committee of the Deptford and Independent Fire Companies for the purpose of making the necessary arrangements for the government of the two named Companies, it was determined and agreed—

1. That the Deptford Engine make the first throw.

2. That each engine throw five boxes of water alternatively, the best, or furthest throw, made by either engine of the five mentioned, and to which engine is entitled to be considered *the throw* by which the superiority of either engine is to be tested.

3. It is hereby understood that drops of water (and not spray) is to be considered by the Judges, they (the Judges) to be the Judges of what constitute drops of water.

4. It is hereby determined by the authorities (viz: the Committee of each Company,) that after the trial, each Company move peaceably and quietly from the field of action.

5. That the best feeling shall continue (in so far as we are able to promote it) before and after the contest, let the result be what it may.

(Signed) WM. H. QUINCY,
WM. H. B. FUSSELBAUGH.
On the part of the Independent.
JOHN W. CRAWFORD,
JAMES DONAHUE,
On the part of the Deptford.

The Judges were H. P. Duhurst, on the part of the Independent, and James L. McPhail on the part of the Deptford, the two selecting Col. Owen Bouldin as Umpire.

The result was announced from the gallery of the Independent Engine by H. P. Duhurst, as follows:—

DEPTFORD:	INDEPENDENT:
1st box—204 feet, 6 in.	1st box—197 feet, 4 in.
2d box—193 feet, 1 in.	2d box—194 feet 1 in.
3d box—no count.	3d box—193 feet, 1 in.
4th box—do do.	4th box—207 feet 9 in.
5th box—do do.	5th box—204 feet. 6 in.

You will perceive by the above, that the three last throws of the Deptford were not counted, she having signally failed; on the third and fourth box not throwing over 175 feet; whilst on the fifth box they refused to throw at all, alleging as a reason their engine was out of order.

Their relative size, stroke, diameter of cylinders, &c., are as follows: Independent Engine—Diameter of cylinders, 10 inches: stroke, 8 5/8 inches; length of box, 10 feet 8 inches; diameter wheels, 4 feet; mounted on springs, polished extension levers—spreading 21 feet 6 inches; mountings of German silver. Deptford Engine—Diameter of cylinders, 9 inches; length of box, 9 feet 6 inches; diameter of wheels, 4 feet 2 inches, mounted on springs, levers painted—spreading 17 feet; mountings of brass and Princes metal.

During the trial the best feeling prevailed, after which, and on the eve of parting, the Deptford Company (whose engine was beaten) magnanimously gave three cheers for the Independent—which was heartily responded to by the Independent, with the addition of a *Tigre*.

No more at present,
but remain yours, &c,
BALTIMORE.

A SERGEANT A CENTURY OLD.—However astonishing this announcement may sound, it is nevertheless a fact, that at the present time there is living in Exeter, England, a sergeant named Thomas Seabright, who is in his hundredth year, the century being completed should he live so long as October next. This vetrean served in the 39th Foot, and the 26th Foot, and the 24 Garrison Battalion for the period of forty years and two months, and he has been a pensioner for more than half a century, his pension having commenced on the 30th of December, 1802. He served in the army under Lord Cornwallis, in the American war of Independence in 1782, when the troops under that commander capitulated to the united armies of France and America under General Washington. Although this itself would be a remarkable fact in the history of any man now living, Sergeant Seabright's case is rendered still more extraordinary, from the circumstance that at that very time he had been in the service for a period of twenty years. A short time since he was presented by Lieut. Colonel Rodgers with a medal, for the victories in Egypt—a memento of his services which he highly values. Such a man would have been a general in any other service than the British.

The other evening, some gentlemen were invited into a hotel by a notorious fellow about town, who is more remarkable for telling big stories about himself, than paying his small bills. He bragged, of course, as usual, while the party were drinking, and at last excited one of them to say:—

'Come, you have told us enough of what you *can* do; now suppose you tell us something you *cannot* do?'

'Well,' replied the *chevalier d'industrie*, scratching his head, 'I cannot pay for these drinks—so lend us a quarter?' He told the truth here, for the first time, during this interview.

HINTS TO LITIGANTS.—A suit at law means rags.

FROM ABROAD.

The Fire Department of Charleston, S. C., celebrated the Seventeenth Anniversary of its organization on the 27th April last. After the parade there was a grand trial of Engines.

There were twelve entered for the contest, two of them being Philadelphia style, deck engines, and the two from Savannah being built on the piano model, with side levers. The streams thrown by the different engines, and the names of their builders are as follows:—

Etna, built by Hunneman, Boston, 1 in. nozzle					194 feet
Charleston,	do	do	do	do	189 do
Palmetto,	do	do	do	do	189 do
Marion,	do	do	do	do	184 do
Washington,	do	do	do	do	186 do
Young America, of Savannah, built by Hunneman, Boston, half-inch nozzle,					200 do
Washington, of Savannah, built by Jeffers, Pawtucket, R. I., one inch nozzle,					196 do
Eagle, built by Agnew, Phil., one inch nozzle					177 do
Vigilant,	do	do	do	do	184 do
Phœnix,	do	do	do	do	184 do
German,	do	do	do	do	180 do
Hope, built by Rodgers, Baltimore, one in. noz					187 do

After the trial was over, the Washington, of Savannah, the lion of the day, was tried in a variety of ways. She is a second class engine, with nine-inch chambers, and a changeable stroke from 5 to 9 inches, and requires to be fully manned, 38 men. The first trial was three streams through a five-eighth nozzle, which she threw a distance of 100 feet; then two streams, nine inch stroke, through a three-quarter nozzle, 130 feet; one stream, eight-inch stroke, one-inch nozzle 184 feet; and on the last trial, a perpendicular stream, one-inch nozzle, eight inch stroke, 163 feet.

The members of the Newark, N. J., Fire Department, are making arrangements to erect a monument 27 feet high, capped with the statue of a fireman in full uniform, to cost $1,700, over the remains of their departed comrades, in Mount Pleasant Cemetery. They own 6,000 feet of square ground, which they intend to enclose with an iron railing, to rest on a stone capping, the rails made in the semblance of speaking trumpets, and they will be supported by pillars representing hydrants surmounted by torches. The gateway is to be furnished with an arch in which a bell will be swung, and the gates fashioned with representations of the various implements used by members of the fire department.

The whole cost will be about $3,500, and we trust a perusal of the above will be an incentive to the San Francisco Firemen to do likewise.

The Chief Engineer of the N. Y. Fire Department has received 522 feet of hose manufactured from American hemp, weighing 129 lbs. without the butts. He is now waiting for a like quantity about to be furnished by the agent of the French hemp house. When both are received they will be marked so as to distinguish them apart, the lengths then mixed together, and used by some company in the lower districts. Whatever company receives the hose will carry 1,000 feet on their reel, and when used at a fire will alternate them by putting on a supply of leather hose, until the next fire. In this way, the merits of the leather and hemp hose, as well as the respective value of the different styles of the latter, will be accurately determined. Twenty lengths of the hemp hose will weigh about as much as seven lengths of the leathern hose

The following is an extract taken from a letter written to the New York Sunday Mercury from Boston:

The arrangements of the city government for the 4th of July, include a grand parade of the fire department. The 'great skwirt,' or steam fire engine is to be exhibited, and her powers tested. One of the daily papers reccmmends that 'she be ornamented with the four fire annihilators purchased last year by the city,' but I think that would be *too expensive*, as two more horses would be required to take her along. 'Economy is wealth.' It seems by these proceedings that she is to be used as a holiday concern, and exhibited only on such occasions A firm here was applied to to contract to furnish horses to drag the 'great skwirt' to fires, but their estimate was so large that it fairly scared the authorities from proceeding any further.

The following elections have taken place in the New York Fire Department since our last:—

Jefferson Engine Company No 26—R. R Jackson, foreman, vice A. G. Cook; J. Burkart, jr., assistant, vice G W. Beekman; W. Ide, jr., secretary, vice A Reinhold, declined; B Buckart, treasurer, vice G E Underhill; John McMullen, re-elected, A. G. Cook, vice James R. Elsy, representatives; A West, re-elected, H. D. Moore, re-elected, auditors.

Pocahontas Fire Engine Co. No. 49, of Harlem—H. P. McGowan, foreman, re-elected; Elijah W Gardiner, assistant foreman, re-elected; J. J Hall, secretary, re-elected; E H Brown, H. P. McGowan, G. W. Southwick, W. Woodward, investigating committee.

Liberty Hose Co. No. 10—C. H. Lyons, foreman; L. Sylvester, assistant foreman; S J Jennings, treasurer; C. L. Brower, and J. Mills, representatives.

Pearl Hose Co. No 28—A. Hurd, re-elected foreman; J. B. Strangman, vice A. Woltnath, assistant foreman; J G. Sweeny, vice J. Cameron, secretary; G. P. Ockershausen, re-elected treasurer; S. Buckhalter, jr., re elected, and J. Cameron, vice F F. Carter, representatives.

Baltic Hose Co. No. 35—J. Birch, foreman, unanimously re-elected; E P. White, assistant foreman, unanimously re-elected; H. L Perrin, secretary, unanimously re-elected; J Birch, treasurer, vice J. Brower, declined; J Birch, re-elected, and S. S. Davis, vice T. F. Goodwin, representatives.

Valley Forge Hose Co. No. 46—J Milward, jr., foreman; W. J. Minard, assistant foreman; G W Lowerre, secretary, vice James Richmond, resigned; J. Cross, treasurer; J. C. Wandell, and D. S. Baker representatives.

Equitable Hose Co. 56—G. Gilzow, foreman, unanimously re-elected; W. Fairchild, assistant foreman; L D. White, secretary, re-elected; D Lovejoy, treasurer, re-elected; L D. White, and J. Funck, representative, re-elected.

Protector Engine Co No. 22—C. N. Johnston, foreman, re elected; E Louth, assistant foreman, re-elected; P C Murray, secretary, vice J. T. Southwell, declined; J Conner, treasurer, vice J. W Parker, declined; John McNicoll and J W. Parker representatives.

Americus Hose Co. No. 48—C W. Kip, foreman; John Wallace, assistant foreman; J. G. Kip, jr., secretary; A. J. Thompson, representatives.

Madison Hose Co. No. 37—P. O'Reily, foreman; C. Marcher, assistant foreman; J. Wallace, jr, secretary; E. P. Mackel and R. McKeen, representatives.

The Detroit Fire Department is in trouble with the Common Council of that city, for refusing to allow the engines to run upon the sidewalks. One Company has disbanded in consequence.

An old widower says when you pop the question to a lady, do it with a kind of laugh, as if you were joking If she accepts you, very well, if she does not, you can say you were only in fun.

Dilemmas will be deprived of their horns by the adoption of the 'Maine Law.'

Plain truth must have plain words. She is innocent and accounts it no shame to be seen naked; whereas the hypocrite or double dealer hides himself in ambiguities and reserves.

Dobbs in the Legislature.

There are men who cannot speak in public.—Their courage fails them when they meet the upturned faces waiting expectantly to be edified or entertained, as the case may be. It is a terrible situation to face the audience, and know that it is absolutely necessary to say something, and feel at the same time that every idea has turned deserter.

If there was anybody that dreaded speech making, it was Hiram Dobbs. Mr. Dobbs could talk fluently enough in private. At such times, no one would have suspected him of the least diffidence. But when he stood before a public audience, which to be sure, had rarely happened; when however, in virtue of some little office which he held, he was called upon to give a brief notice or to introduce a Lyceum lecturer to his audience, it was with a perceptible tremor of voice and distrustful rapidity of utterance, clearly indicating that in his self-distrust he had committed it to memory, and like a school boy with his first piece, was compelled to rattle it off with all possible rapidity, lest it should escape him altogether

Owing to this unfortunate peculiarity, Mr. Dobbs used to avoid seduously all occasions where he thought there was a possibility of his being called upon.

But we can't always forsee. Neither could Dobbs.

Owing to a new phase in politics, Dobbs was elected to the legislature. Though gratified, he was also a little intimidated by the honor, and but for the thought that he was not necessarily obliged to speak, would have declined serving.

As it was, he accepted.

All thing s went on smoothly for a time. Mr. Dobbs could vote on other people's motions, tho' he couldn't make any himself.

One unlucky day however, the proceedings being rather dull and Mr. Dobbs rather thirsty, he concluded to go down stairs and get a glass of lemonade. As he rose to leave the hall, he caught the Speaker's eye. The Speaker supposed he intended to address the house, and accordingly announced in a loud voice:

'Mr. Dobbs'

Dobbs started as if he had been shot.

The assembled wisdom of the State had their eyes fixed upon him. He pulled out his pocket handkerchief to wipe away the prespiration, and feeling it necessary to say something, blundered out:

'Second the motion.'

'There is no motion before the house,' said the Speaker.

'Then—I—I'

The silence was breathless.

'I—I—'

Dobbs couldn't think of anything to say; but a bright idea came to him, and he finished the sentence:

'I move we adjourn.'

The motion didn't go, but Dobbs did, and nothing more was seen of him for that day.

Theology and Dancing.

The French in Paris have got a new excitement which divides public attention hitherto concentrated upon the war. The Archbishop of Lyons, in his pastoral letter for Lent, has declared that the cholera was sent merely as a punishment for the eagerness with which the ladies of Paris run after pleasure, 'joining in a certain lascivious dance called polka, suffering every man but their own husbands to clasp them in the waltz, which latter dance may be considered the last sigh of 'expiring virtue.' The only remedy therefore, for the cholera is to put an end to the polka. The Count Montalembert and another father of the church have taken up the cudgel for the polka and dancing generally, which they consider not only moral in its influences, but of a certain political consequence. 'Display at balls, theatres and promenades, kept up the industry of France, and gave labor to the poorer classes.'—Whether the political economy on the one side is better than theology on the other, is a question which the Parisians do not take the time to investigate; they go on with their dancing, satisfied that as long as it contributes to public amusement, it must be founded in some real public want.

A Speculator Cured.

Once on a time, a country Dutchman, early one morning went to town, where by chance he overheard some traders telling each other how much money they had made that morning by speculation; one of them had made $100, $200, $500, &c. Han's bump of acquisitiveness was so excited that he, without any reflection, concluded to leave his former business, which was labor, and try his hand at speculation, and on his return home, made his intentions known to his faithful vrow. Early next morning he gathered his wallet containing his funds, amounting to five dollars, and off he goes post-haste and half bent, to look up a speculation. He had not proceeded far when he met a wagoner, and accosted him thus:

'Good morning Mr. Wagoner, I wants to speculate a leetle dish morn' wid you.'

'Well,' said the wagoner, 'how do you want to speculate?'

'Vell,' says the Dutchman, 'I vill pet you fife dollars you can't guess what my tog's name ish.'

'Call him up till I look at him,' rejoined the wagoner.

Dutchman: Here-e Vatch, he-re Vatch, he-re Vat h.'

The dog trots up; the wagoner eyes him for a moment, and says:

'I guess his name is Watch'

Dutchman: O, besure Mr. Wagoner, you has won him, de monish is yours;' and Hans returned to his old occupation perfectly satisfied.

Man and Woman.

I should not say from my experience of my own sex, that a woman's nature is flexible and impressible, though her feelings are. I know very few instances of a very inferior man ruling the mind of a superior woman; whereas I know twenty—fifty—of a very inferior woman ruling a superior man. If he love her, the chances are that she will in the end weaken and demoralize him If a superior woman marry a vulgar or inferior man, he makes her miserable, but he seldom governs her mind or vulgarizes her nature, and if there be love on his side, the chances are that in the end she will elevate and refine him.—The most dangerous man to a woman is a man of high intellectual endowments morally perverted; for in a woman's nature there is such a necessity to approve where she admires, and to believe where she loves—a devotion compounded of love and faith is so much a part of her being—that while the instincts remain true and the feelings uncorrupted, the conscience and the will may both be led far astray. Thus fell 'our general mother'—type of her sex—overpowered rather than deceived, by the collo al intellect—half serpent, half angelic.—[Mrs. Jameson.

The following instance of remarkable sagacity of a dog, we find recorded in one of our exchanges, without credit, vouched for by the owner of the animal: 'A gentleman residing in Lynn, has for a long time visited Boston daily on business, at times passing over the turnpike, and frequently over the Eastern railroad, always accompanied by his dog. On Wednesday last he came to Boston, but during the day the dog became separated from his master, who returned home without him. A few hours after the gentleman reached home, the dog also returned. A gentleman who went to Lynn in the afternoon train, states that he saw the dog enter the cars at the depot in Boston, and snugly ensconce himself under a seat, as if to avoid the vigilant eye of the conductor. On the cars stopping at West Lynn, the dog jumpped out and hurried home with all possible speed.

A late philosopher, in speaking of love-letters, says the ancients dealt in billets, but of a different kind from those used by the moderns. The billets were of wood, and were addressed not to the understanding, but to the head. In those days courting was done with a hickory club.

The Fireman's Journal.

MARCUS D. BORUCK, ... Editor.

SAN FRANCISCO:

SATURDAY MORNING, JULY 7, 1855.

Politics and the Fire Department.

When this journal was established, we announced to the Department that we should not, in its columns, discuss Party or Department politics, but that we should watch with vigilance those who attempted to use it to gain political ends. That promise we we shall fulfill, let the consequences be what they may. Without fear and without favor will we endeavor to preserve the Department from such a misfortune.

We are led to these remarks from the fact that at the dinner given at the Rassette House to the "Yuba" and "Confidence" companies by the United Fire Department of this city, on the 4th instant, we were not only disappointed, but in common with a large number, astonished at the course which was taken upon that occasion. Instead of the dinner being one at which firemen could assemble, extending those courtesies which are looked for from firemen, the cross table was changed into a hustings, from which pure and unadulterated political speeches and appeals were made to the Firemen there assembled. Instead of toasting in the manner usual upou such an occasion, fulsome adulations and cheers were showered in profusion upon certain nominees for office, which would have more appropriately fitted "Market Square," or the front of the "Orleans Hotel." So apparent was it that the Firemen of this city were being made nothing more nor less than tools of to advance the wire pulling of unscrupulous politicians, that marks of indignation, not only loud but deep, were evinced by many gentlemen present, in the garb of Firemen, of both political parties, who felt degraded that an institution like the Fire Department should be sought to be made use of for any such purpose.

We respect the political preferences and predilections of every man; we admire the man who, when he has a friend to support or an opinion to advocate, does it fearlessly and firmly; but we despise the man who will descend so low as to endeavor to use an organization similar to the Fire Department of this city, or of the State, and secure their influence, to elevate him to any position which he may have the ambition to retain or occupy. The political complexion of the dinner was remarked by nearly every member of the Press present; but we have looked in vain through the journals of the day for a single line upon which the Department might cling for support, to save them from impending danger.

So keenly did many of the delegation from the San Francisco Companies at the Rassette dinner feel the imposition that was being practised upon them, that without making any disturbance or attracting attention, they quietly left the room early in the evening.

In the place of uttering sentiments which could be responded to by Firemen present, the President of the United States (whose office we honor and revere to as great an extent as any man living) was toasted, when there was no one to acknowledge the compliment for him; the army and the navy, when General Wool and Captain Alden were forgotten. Favorites were toasted and sentimentized up to the seventh heaven, and for them there was a ready response. The "memory of Washington" was received with three cheers, and the "health of Lafayette" was drank. So monstrous did the whole affair grow to be, in a political point of view, that many expected every moment to hear the cry, "Now, then, Firemen, three hearty, good cheers for the glorious result in Virginia!" It would have been as wise and as proper as anything which preceded it. We cannot divine why those in authority in the Department were not awakened to a sense of the danger which surrounded it;—or did they have so much confidence in the members of the organization as to believe they could not be influenced in the manner we have alluded to?

In writing as we do, we are but the echo of the feelings and sentiments of a large proportion of the Department in regard to the matter. To them some explanation is due, and to the chief executive officer of the Department do they look for it. A blow has been aimed at the best interests of our organization, and unless a repetition is warded off in time, the foundation of the pillars of adamant upon which its beauty and glory rests, will be undermined and crumbled and trampled in the dust. Firemen of San Francisco! in God's name, we call upon you to face the danger boldly.

The water contractor does not keep the cisterns half filled. At every fire lately scarcely a cistern is found full as it should be. Will somebody see to it?

Cisterns are required at the corner of the streets above Dupont and between Clay and Sutter streets. There is but very little water in that portion of the city, and there are but two or three brick buildings among several hundred frame houses. At times an hundred gallons of water is of more use than the whole Bay at other periods. The proper protection of the city from fire, we hope will receive due consideration from the new city administration. The Department might have engines made of gold to work with, yet they would be powerless without a sufficient supply of water.

False Alarms.

In another column will be found an announcement from the Chief Engineer, offering a reward of $500 for the detection and conviction of the parties who contributed to raise the false alarm of fire on Tuesday night last, and we trust the matter will be thoroughly ferreted out, and the guilty parties, whoever they may be, severely punished. To the false alarm of Tuesday night, may be attributed one of the causes of the great extent of the fire of Wednesday morning. The Hall Bell sounded an alarm for the second district, and the firemen were compelled to drag their heavy machines up the hills, all to no purpose. This fatigue united with that caused by their long march, induced them to sleep more soundly than usual, and those who did awake in time, made up their minds that it was another false alarm, and paid but very little attention to it until the illumination of the city by the red glare of the fire, told them too plainly that there was cause for it. We have before spoken of the dangers of false alarms, and now that the efficiency of the Department is endangered, let some measures be adopted to prevent a recurence. We say, knowing full well the responsibility which is attached to the same, that the fire on Wednesday last reflects no credit upon the Department, and that nine-tenths of the buildings burned, should not have been destroyed. We have been informed that the alarm of Tuesday night was in all probability gotten up for the purpose of giving the visiting companies a run; if such be the fact, we consider it no compliment to them, or any advantage to ourselves. The fair name of the Department is at stake in consequence of the frequency of false alarms; and every individual fireman ought to possess that *esprit du corps* which would induce him to watch out and bring to punishment those who do aught to injure the Department in the estimation of the community.

The members of Lafayette Hook and Ladder Company No. 2, housed their new Truck on Monday last—previous to which they proceeded thro' the principal streets of the city, attended by a fine band of music, their new truck drawn by a large delegation of the members of the St. Francis H. & L. Co. No. 1, together with their own company, the Chief Engineer and his Assistants, together with delegations from every company in the Department. After passing the several engine houses, they proceeded to the Polka Saloon, where an elegant collation was spread.—Due attention having been paid to the same, speeches were made by prominent members of the Department and others; after which the company marched to the Mission, where they were received by the Young America Engine Company, No. 13. A splendid dinner was in readiness for them, the long march giving them an appetite to appreciate its beauties. Wit, fun and sentiment prevailed until late in the evening, when the two companies and their guests returned to the city, and attended the benefit to the Fire Department, at the Metropolitan Theatre. The Lafayettes looked and conducted well. Their association is a creditable one, and we congratulate Mr. Cobb, the Foreman, on their universal efficiency.

Volunteer Company, No.

The location of the new house of this company is in the immediate neighborhood of the one they now occupy. The lot (on Pine street, opposite the Lockwood House, between Montgomery and Sansome) is 22 feet front and rear, by 65 feet deep. The building is to be 22 feet front by 57 deep, leaving a yard 22 by 8 feet deep. In the rear is a hose tower, and many other conveniences well arranged for the use of the company. The hose tower is to be five feet square and two stories high. The engine room will be 40 feet deep by 20 wide, fitted up with torches, desk, roll case, torch sacks, etc, all of mahogany. The whole of the first story to be wainscoted 4 feet 9 inches high. On the first floor, in the rear, there is to be a large meeting room, 16 by 16 feet. In the hall next to the meeting room are the stairs leading to the second story. The second story contains a large hall and library room; the hall, 40 by 20, and the library room, 16 by 16 feet, well lit, and wainscoted. All the rooms to have gas pendents, and to be lighted with gas. The front to be in the Italian style; first story up to the top of the spring line of the arches to be cast iron, and the remainder of the first story to be of Benicia stone; all the rest of the front to be of brick, cemented with Romon cement, and painted stone color; the front doors to be circular heads; the doors to be open gratings and stained glass; side doors to be paneled top-lights. The front of the second story is to have a centre circular stained glass window, with emblems. On each side of this window there is to be a niche in which will be placed statues representing Firemen on duty. The cornice to be circular, and of brick. There will be a clock in the cornice at top. The building will have a round cupalo on top, to be used as a bell tower, with six carved capitols and columns, surmounted with a dome and cornice; the dome to be of zinc foil, covered with a glass—on top to be a flag staff, with the figure 7 and the points of the compass, all guilded. The entire front will be 75 feet high. The house is expected to be all ready for use on the 1st of September. The plans, etc., were furnished by L. R. Townsend, Architect.

Mr. Samuel Hermann, a well known and highly respected resident of this city, was fined by Recorder Van Ness on yesterday, $25 for slapping the face of Patrick Dillon the ex-consul of France. It appears that Dillon had written letters to France, relative to certain parties here, which Mr. H. thought alluded too strongly to him, and hence the difficulty. We think the Recorder places rather a low estimate on an ex-consuls face, but if the same ratio is to prevail, it will doubtless be very satisfactory. A debating club would do well to take into consideration the following:—"If a slap in the face of an ex-consul is only worth $25, what should be the price of a blow to a French citizen." Members of the club could post themselves by reading the "Lady of Lyons."

The proprietors of the "California Delta," at New Orleans, have a likeness of General Sutter, which they say is superior to any other in existence. The portrait was painted by S. S. Osgood, Esq., and the "Delta" folks announce their determination to send it to the Legislature of this State, as some little obligation is due from them their many warm friends in San Francisco. As a matter of course, the gift will prove acceptable to Californians.

Our readers will find on the first page an interesting letter from our Baltimore correspondent, which will repay perusal.

Jerry Sullivan has our thanks for full files of Atlantic papers.

The Reception of the "Yuba" and "Confidence" Companies, of Marysville and Sacramento.

So much has been said and written by the daily press, relative to the reception of the visiting companies, that but very little is left for us to do, but as a matter of history connected with the Department, we give the following in relation to it. A telegraphic despatch having been received that the two companies would come down in the same boat on the 3d July, the order was given for the firemen of this city to form in line on Sansome street, the right resting on California, for the purpose of receiving the visitors. At 3 o'clock the line was formed. Engine Companies 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, and H. & L. Companies 1, 2 and 3, forming the procession, and marched to Vallejo street wharf. Four delegates from each company were then selected to drag the "Yuba" engine, and arriving at the wharf, formed a *cordon* across, and cleared it of every person except those directly interested. It was done in perfect good humor, and although at least three thousand persons were compelled to leave the wharf not an angry word was passed; on the contrary, it was enjoyed as a good joke.—Such a thing could not have taken place in any other city.

At 4 o'clock the 'Helen Hensley' hove in sight, when the different companies were marshaled on the wharf. In a few minutes she was made fast, when the engine of Confidence Company, of Sacramento, was drawn ashore and taken possession of by Knickerbocker Engine Company, 5, of this city, who were to be their escort. The engine and hose carriage of Yuba was taken ashore by those appointed for the purpose. The line was then formed—the Chief Engineer and the Assistant Engineers acting as marshals—in the following order: Band; Knickerbockers, dragging the Confidence engine; then the Confidence Company; after them, the Yuba engine, drawn by San Francisco Firemen, the members of the company following; Empire Company, 1, of this city took charge of 5's engine, and drew it in the procession; then came Howard, 3, with at least 80 men; California, 4, with 40 men, engine beautifully dressed; Monumental, 6, with 78 men, in full uniform, looking splendid; Volunteer, 7, followed; Pacific, 8; Vigilant, 9, turned out 75 men, and, with their beautiful new engine, never looked better. The Pennsylvanians, numbering about 60 men, looked as they always do, creditable and well disciplined; Young America, true to her name, did not let the opportunity pass without having her representatives in the line; St. Francis, 1, Lafayette, 2, and Sansome, 3, Hook and Ladder Companies, also composed a prominent portion of the display.

The procession passed through Davis street to Pacific, to Front, to Jackson, through Jackson to Battery, passing the Oriental Hotel, through Front street to Minna, marching in review before the residence of Fred. Kohler, the first Chief Engineer of the San Francisco Fire Department. From Minna street the procession marched to Second, to Market, through Market to Sansome, to Bush, up Bush street to Montgomery, to Clay street, to Kearny, to Washington, up Washington to Stockton, to Union; and countermarching, to Jackson street, down Jackson to the house of Pennsylvania, 12, where Yuba's apparatus was housed—the 'Twelves' kindly taking charge of the same. After this ceremony had been performed, the companies marched through Jackson street to Montgomery, to Sacramento, to the house of the Knickerbockers, where the engine of the Confidence Company was housed. The visiting companies then proceeded to the Rassette House, where, with their invited guests, they partook of a collation. Speeches were made by Gov. Bigler, ex-Mayor Hardenburgh, of Sacramento, Mr. Torbert, of Confidence, No. 1, Mr. Leland, of Yuba, No. 2, and others. After the collation, the two companies marched to the American Theatre, in company with the Knickerbockers and Pennsylvanians. Upon entering the theatre the Chief Engineer called for three cheers for Governor Bigler, which were given. The performances at the theatre being concluded, the companies with their guests were escorted to the Knickerbocker Engine House where an excellent collation was spread. Speeches were made on this occasion by Gov. Bigler, ex-Mayor Hardenburgh, W. S. Long, and others. After the collation, Gov. Bigler was escorted to his home at the International Hotel, and the festivities of the day ended.

On the morning of the 4th, after the fire, the members of the visiting companies were taken in charge of by delegations from almost every company in the Department, and escorted to various places of amusement throughout the city. At half past eleven o'clock they were formed into line, and at twelve o'clock marched to the Polka Saloon, to partake of an entertainment tendered by the Military. At this entertainment the Firemen were either too soon, or the Military too late; but every thing passed off well. In the evening, at five and a half o'clock, the Yubas formed in Sansome street, and the Confidence Company in Sacramento street, and headed by their bands of music, invited guests, and officers of the San Francisco Fire Department, marched through the principal streets of the city, and then proceeded to the Rassette House, where a dinner, provided by the United Fire Department, was in readiness for them; at which they sat down at about half past seven o'clock, number about 260 persons. Chief Engineer Duane presided. Among the invited guests were the Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State, Samuel Bell, Esq., ex-Mayor Hardenburgh, and others. The dinner was gotten up by Mr. Raesette in elegant style, and reflected great credit upon him. Speeches were made by the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Mr. Bell, Mr. Ahrents, Mr. Torbert, Mr. Leland, Mr. Jones, the President of the Fire Department, and many others. The company did not separate until a late hour, when Gov. Bigler was escorted to his lodgings.

On the morning of the 5th the Knickerbockers breakfasted with the Confidence Company at the Railroad House, and the Pennsylvanians with the Yubas at the International. About eleven and a half o'clock the two companies, at the invitation of Vigilant, 9, repaired to the house of the latter, where a handsome lunch was prepared for them. The Yubas worked their engine at this time, the result of which will be found in another column. After marching through Broadway to Powell street, to Washington, to Brenham Place, the entire company, with the Pennsylvanians, halted at the Monumental Engine House, where a champagne lunch was laid. Governor Bigler presided. Toasts and sentiments were given *appropriate* to the occasion. Remarks were made by Messrs. Hardenbuegh, Long and Ahrents. Mr. Hossefross, the Foreman of No. 6, presented to Mr. Leland, of the Yuba Company, and Mr. Torbert, of the Confidence Company, two elegant bouquets, one each for the Foremen and their engines, as a present from Mrs. James W. Stillman. The bouquets were received by the recipients in very neat speeches.

From the Monumental Engine house the companies proceeded to take possession of their apparatus previous to leaving on the steamer. The "Yuba," escorted by delegations from the various companies, marched to the steamer "Antelope" upon which they took passage for Marysville, carrying with them the good opinion of every San Francisco fireman. The Confidence boys were left behind, voluntarily we think, and certainly agreeably to the wishes of the San Francisco firemen. In the evening they partook of dinner at the Rail Road House, after which they visited the Metropolitan theatre. Yesterday the companies were entertained by the Empire's at a collation in the Polka Saloon, and also by Mr. Winn at his impromptu saloon in the old Union Hotel, after which they proceeded to the house of Knickerbocker 5, the members of the Department manned the engine and escorted the company to the steamer Wilson G. Hunt, upon which they left for Sacramento. The Confidence boys have made a host of friends here during their visit.

LIST OF FIRES AND ALARMS DURING THE WEEK.

June 30, 10, P. M.—Alarm from California's bell; Metropolitan Market, Mission street; the entire Department out; no damage done.

July 1, 2, A. M.—Hall bell alarm; First District; two frame buildings on Sacramento street near Stockton, entirely destroyed; loss about $5,000; the entire Department on the ground; several of the engines not in service in consequence of the want of water; Monumental 6 first water, Vigilant 9 second. The fire is supposed to be the act of an incendiary.

July 3, 11, P. M.—Hall bell alarm; Second District; burning of shavings and straw on Washington street; whole Department out.

July 3d, 12, Midnight.—Alarm from Minetta's dry goods store on Dupont street, near Pacific; explosion of camphene lamp. Engine No. 9 on the ground; not in service; no damage.

July 4th, 1, A. M.—Tar barrels on vacant lot on Front street. Engines 2 and 8 in service; no damage.

July 4th, 3½, A. M.—Hall Bell alarm, 6th district; fire at the corner of Bush and Kearny streets. For the account of this fire, we are indebted to the *Chronicle*:

"At 4 o'clock on the morning of the 4th inst., the city was aroused by the dread notes of the fire bell, instead of joyous peals hailing the dawn of a new anniversary of the National Independence. Those who started out at the first alarm found the city completely illuminated by a large fire on the north-east corner of Kearny and Bush streets. All the houses in the vicinity were of frame, very combustible, and several of them three stories high. Indeed, there was scarcely a spot in the city where a fire would be more dangerous. In spite of all the efforts of the fire department, the flames destroyed the whole western half of the block bounded by Kearny and Montgomery, Bush and Pine streets. A line drawn through the centre of the block, from north to south, would be almost the exact limit of the ravages of the fire. The flames crossed none of the main streets to do any serious damage—though the houses on the west side of Kearny street were throughout the length of the block badly scorched, and many of them repeatedly on fire. The conflagration in no point reached Montgomery street. The fire began in a boarding house on Bush street known as the "Crystal," but how it began is not known. About forty buildings were destroyed, all wood.

The fire never would have extended so far if it had found the Fire Department in their ordinary condition, but during the previous day they had been parading, and waiting upon their guests from Sacramento and Marysville, and probably many of the members were excusably "happy" in their joy at the conjunction of the distinguished visit with the Fourth of July. Besides, there was an alarm at midnight which called out and worried the whole Department. These things together prevented their arriving so soon at the fire as they would otherwise have done. And when they arrived they found the nearest cisterns, on the corners of Pine and Kearny, and Bush and Kearny, nearly empty. At the former cistern the Monumentals posted themselves, and at the first stroke they drew mud, which of course interfered seriously with the efficiency of the engine; and to crown all, the muddy water in that cistern gave out in twenty or thirty minutes. The Confidence, of Sacramento, and the Yuba, of Marysville, were upon the ground, and showed themselves to be firemen as thoroughbred and "fast," and as hard working as our own.

Columbia 11, had the first water, and Monumental 6, the second.

The two-story house of Wm. Paeschke, occupied by himself as a boarding house, was the farthest house to the east on Bush street destroyed by the fire. Mr. P.'s loss was about two thousand five hundred dollars.

The house adjoining, westward, was a two-story frame on the corner of Belden's alley, owned by Mr. Schueckle and occupied by John Dougherty as a drinking saloon. Schueckles loss was two thousand dollars, Dougherty's five hundred dollars.

The fire began in the Crystal, a two-story house on the corner of Belden and Bush. The Crystal was owned by Mr. Bowman, of the firm of Crim & Bowman. Robert Cushing was the tenant of the Crystal, and lost about fifteen hundred dollars. There were thirty-seven boarders in the "Crystal," many of whom lost various sums, from fifty to one hundred and fifty. One boarder, just down from the mines, lost one thousand seven hundred dollars in dust.

The house on Bush street adjoining the Crystal, and occupying the corner of Kearny street, was likewise of two stories, owned by Mr. Bowman, and was occupied by Messrs. Lynch and Smith as a meat market.

The next building on Kearny street was a one-story house belonging to Mr. Bowman, and occupied by Mr. Smith as a vegetable and fish market. Mr. Smith's loss was about five hundred dollars. Mr. Bowman's entire loss in three buildings was about five thousand dollars.

Next to Smith's on the north, was a three story house, twenty feet front, extending back to Belden street, owned and occupied by Eliza Harris, a mulatto woman, as a boarding house. This house was furnished in elegant style, and every thing in it was entirely lost. There had been a shoe store in the lower story of this house, but the goods were removed on the third inst.

The next building was a frame, twenty feet in front, owned by Mr. Cantau, a Frenchman, and occupied by W. D. Brown and Co., carriage makers. Brown lost six thousand dollars. A large amount of "stock" or material to be used in his trade, and a fine coach just completed, and worth two thousand dollars, were destroyed. Mr. Brown was making a new hose carriage for the Empire boys, and that was fortunately saved.

The next house owned, as well as the one beyond on the north, by Mr. Contau, was of two stories, and occupied as a liquor store by Mr. Tisdale. His loss is about two thousand dollars.

Mr. Contau's other building, of equal size, was occupied by the "Golden Horse" livery stable, kept by Mr. Banham. All the horses in this stable were saved. Mr. B.'s loss is probably one thousand dollars. Mr. Contau's entire loss in the three buildings was about six thousand dollars.

The next house was of three stories, twenty feet front by sixty-eight deep, owned by Tallant and Wilde, and occupied by Mr. Barkley as a hotel. Tallant and Wilde's loss was five thousand dollars; that of Mr. Barkley, four thousand dollars.

North of Barkley's were two one-story houses belonging to a Frenchman, (name unknown,) and occupied as a fruit store. The entire loss in these buildings was about two thousand dollars.

The next building was a three-story frame, owned by Mr. Scott, Administrator, and occupied by Mr. Rogers as a grocery store. Mr. Rogers' loss was twenty-five hundred dollars; Mr. Scott's loss was two thousand dollars.

The next building was the property of John Richardson, whose loss was three thousand dollars.

Next was a building a story and a half high, on the corner of Pine and Kearny, owned by Mr. Moffatt, and occupied by Mr. Duff. Mr. D. lost three thousand five hundred dollars.

Almost all these houses burned on Keaany street were twenty feet front and sixty-eight feet deep, running to Belden's alley.

On Pine street, near Kearny, Mr. Lawrence Steen kept a shop for making and gilding frames, etc. Mr. Steen's loss was about fifteen hundred dollars.

Next to Mr. Steen's, on the corner of Belden's Alley, was Henry Dutner's liquor store. Mr. D.'s loss was probably five hundred dollars.

On the opposite corner of Belden street, was a two story frame building owned by J. Goodwin, and occupied as a feed store by Mr. Schetter. Mr. Schetter's loss we have not ascertained.

Next in order were a two-story and a three-story frame building, both owned by David Hunter and occupied as the "Philadelphia House," by E. C. Bowen. Mr. Hunter's loss is five thousand dollars; Mr. Bowen's three thousand dollars.

Next to the "Philadelphia House" was a shed of little value, where water was furnished to carts from an artesian well.

Beyond that was Wm. Sharp's flour mill, where the fire was arrested, but not until it had done much damage.

On Belden street, adjoining Schetter's feed store, was the Empire State flour mill. The building was owned by Mr. Goodwin, whose entire loss is five thousand dollars.

Adjoining this mill on the south, was a house in the course of erection by Mr. Korb, who lost one thousand six hundred dollars by the destruction of the materials for his house.

Next to this was a two-story house owned by C. O. Kelly, and occupied by Mrs. Diver as a boarding house. Mr. K. lost three thousand dollars; Mrs. D. five hundred dollars.

Mr. Beech had a new two-story house not quite finished, and unoccupied. His loss is two thousand dollars.

Next was the one-story dwelling of Mr. Lally, owned by himself. His loss was probably one thousand dollars.

John Lawless owned two one-story houses, one occupied as a dwelling by himself and family; the other by Mr. Baum. Mr. L.'s loss may be one thousand eight hundred dollars.

Next was the two-story dwelling of R. Driscoll, who estimates his loss at one thousand dollars.

Next was the building of Wm. Eldridge, owned by himself. His loss is probably fifteen hundred dollars.

Next was a boarding house owned by Mr. Reschel, whose loss was about one thousand dollars.

The houses the east side of Belden street were almost without exception mere second fronts of the houses on Kearny street, extending through.

LOSSES RECAPITULATED.

The following is an estimate of the losses of different individuals, as given by themselves, in most cases:

Mr. Bowman	$5.000	James Lynch	$ 600
Robert Cushing	1.500	Lawrence Steen	1,500
Lynch & Smith	200	J. Goodwin	6.000
Mr. Smith	500	Mr. Schueckle	2.000
W. D. Brown & Co.	6.000	John Dougherty	500
Mr. Cantau	6.000	Mr. Paeschke	2.500
Eliza Harris	18.000	Wm. Eldridge	1.500
Mr Barkley	4 000	R. Driscoll	1.000
Tallant & Wilde	5 000	John Lawless	1.800
John Richardson	3.000	Mr. Beech	2.00
Mr. Rogers	2.500	C O. Kelly	2,000
Mr. Duff	3.500	Mrs. Diver	500
Henry Dutner	500	Mr Korb	1.600
David Hunter	5.000	E. C. Bowen	3.000
Mr. Tisdale	2.000	Scott, Administrator	2.000
A miner	1.700	Mr. Lally	1.000
Mr. Wilkins	500	Persons unknown	10.000

July 6, 10 o'clock P. M.—Hall bell alarm, 1st District. Frame building on top of Telegraph Hill, Sansome street, between Vallejo and Union. California 4, led their hose up the hill at least 200 feet high, was supplied with water by No. 6. The fire was confined to one building.

Engine 9, of New York, had a trial on the 30th May, in that city, at which she threw through an eighth of an inch nozzle, 50 feet hose, 175 feet; through two 7-8 inch nozzles, 50 feet of hose, each stream 158 feet. As a still further test, the hose were taken to the top of the Marion street bell tower, a height of abont eighty-four feet. Forcing from there through 350 feet of hose, with an inch and an eighth nozzle, the extraordinary distance of 128 feet solid water was reached.

The Sunday Mercury, in connection with the same, says:

As this latter fact is verified by the Chief Engineer and others who were present, it may be set down as a mark for our California friends who have such extraordinary forcing engines. When any one of the engines there beat it, they will please let us know, so that we may make a note of it. The editor of the San Francisco Fireman's Journal, who says that New York engines have not been successful in their trials on the Pacific shore, will do well to publish the last mentioned distance attained for the benefit of those who think their engines superior to those in or from this city. If there is any doubt about it, the members of No. 9, will, we judge, be happy to try the feat over again for the benefit of such San Francisco firemen in New York as the editor wishes to have witness it.

As far as we are concerned, personally, the mere fact of the distances thrown by No. 9 being published officially in the Mercury is a sufficient guarantee to us that they are correct; the verification of a chief Engineer, in our estimation, would make no difference. As the trial is particularly alluded to for the benefit of the Mercury's California readers, we have something to say on the subject. In the first place, the editor of this journal has never said that New York engines were not successful in their trials on the Pacific shore; but he did say, in answer to a previous article of the Mercury, when it stated they were victorious in every contest on the Pacific, tha "there had never been a regular trial between a New York engine and that of any other build, and that we had just as good engines here from other cities as any ever built in New York. We entertain the same opinion now. In answer to the request of the Mercury, "whenever any of our engines here beat the throwing of No. 9," we are happy to say that we have the distances of two engine trials to send—that of Vigilant, 9, of this city, an engine built by Jeffers, of Pawtucket, and the "Yuba, 2," of Marysville, built by Button, of Waterford, N. Y. The following was performed by the "Vigilant" on the 6th June: Drafted through 12 feet of suction, and and forced a stream through 200 feet of hose, one and a quarter inch nozzle, 149 feet. After which, two lengths of hose, 100 feet each, with one and a quarter and one and a half inch nozzles, were attached, and drafting as before, threw solid streams 110 feet. Two lengths of hose, 100 feet each, were then attached, the water being forced 174 feet and 4 inches, through one inch and one and an eighth inch nozcles, the coupling of the hose bursting at this trial. With open butt—50 feet of hose—a body of water was forced 45 feet 6 inches. The last trial made was with four streams, through 50 feet of hose each, five-eighth inch nozzles—the water being thrown about five feet above Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express building, the whole distance being about 65 feet.

The "Yuba's" on their trial threw 192 feet through 100 feet hose and one inch nozzle; 195 feet through 100 feet hose and one and a quarter inch nozzle; through open butt, two and three-eighths inches, 50 feet of hose, 44 feet 9 inches.

If there is any doubt about the statements we give, the members of those companies will try the same feat over again for the benefit of any New York Firemen in San Francisco the editor of the Mercury may select.

THEATRICAL.

The American Theatre has not been as well patronized this week as it should have been, as the performances were of the first order. The drama of "A Chain of Events," running through seven acts, is an excellent play and embraces full as much interest as any put upon the stage this season. We expected on each night of its production, to have seen the house crowded, as it deserved to be, but the attractions in other quarters [being holiday week with some] we presume has prevented many from attending the Theatres. No one who witnesses this play will regret sitting out the whole performance. The bill offered to-night is a very attractive one and will doubtles secure a good attendance.

The Metropolitan re-opened on Wednesday night—the manager having engaged a full French Dramatic Company, of acknowledged ability. The theatre was well filled, and on the first appearance each artiste was warmly welcomed, and throughout the performance the applause elicited gave evidence that the audience was well pleased. Between the second and third acts of the play, Professor Risley, the Infant Prodigy, and the truly wonderful D'Evani, went through their performances. To-night is set apart for a benefit for the graceful Infant Prodigy, and we hope he will receive a bumper.

It appears that almost everybody and the rest of mankind go to see the Minstrels at San Francisco Hall, and this week, on two or three occasions, many persons were prevented from attending on account of the immense throng. Under the management of John Smith, the Melodists are reaping a glorious harvest. Success to them—they deserve it.

On Wednesday night next will be given another of those fashionable "Artists' Masquerade Balls" which have given so much satisfaction to all who have attended. Musical Hall has been handsomely fitted up expressly for these balls, and every comfort is guaranteed by the management.

Mrs. Thoman, an actress of real merit and ability announces her first benefit at the American Theatre on Monday evening next. Mrs. T., since her advent on the California stage, has been a great favorite with the play-going public. Always perfect in the part she has to perform, modest and refined on the stage, never over-acting what is set down for her or straining after effect, are her characteristics as an actress. We hope the American will present full tiers on the occasion of her benefit, as she certainly deserves it.

A concert for the farewell benefit of Madame Barilla Thorn, will take place at Musical Hall on Tuesday evening of next week. We trust for the kindness she evinced when applied to, in aid of the Department Fund, that she may have a house filled to overflowing, and that her benefit may be remunerative. The programme for the occasion will be an attractive one.

THE "FETE CHAMPETRE," at "Russ Garden" on the Mission road was thronged on the Fourth by crowds of men, women and children anxious to get rid of the dust and noise of the city. The zyrations and twistings of Professor Risley, 'D Evani, and the Infant Prodigy, were the features of the performances and attracted marked attention. "Lager beer," "pretzels," cakes and sweetmeats were plentifully indulged in, and the dancing was kept up until a late hour of the day. We learn that the receipts at the *gate* were large and proved quite a profitable speculation.

The benefit to the Fire Department Charitable Fund, on Monday evenining last, did not result in a very large amount being added to its receipts Madame Thorn, Signors Lauzoni and Scola, Professor Risley and Mons. D'Evani, Mr. Silsbee, Mr. Loder, Mr. Tyte, Mr. Baker the Stage Manager, and Mr. Dolidon the Treasurer, and the Metropolitan company, consisting of Mrs. Booth, Mrs. Burrill, and Mrs Everard, Messrs. Barry, Anderson, Wilder, volunteered their services, all others connected therewith, charged roundly for their services; in fact, from what we can learn, in regard to it, there appeared to be a disposition on the part of some to grasp every dollar that they possibly could, without any regard to the purpose for which the benefit was given. There was about one thousand dollars in the house. The nett receipts have not yet been announced.

Columbian Company, No. 11.

This efficient company is but a jot behind the times. Every thing has been prepared to go on with their new house, situated on the same site of their old one, on Bush street, near Kearny. It is an excellent locality for the company and will expedite the arrangement of getting at work in re-building. The company hope to be among the first to occupy their new house. The lot is 24 feet front and rear by 60 feet deep; the new house will be 24 feet front and rear by 45 feet deep, with a good yard 15 feet deep, containing water-closet, bath-room, and a hose tower in the rear of the building, 2 stories high. The yard is enclosed with a wall 10 feet high. The first floor or engine room is to be 43 feet deep by 20 wide and 14 feet high, and fitted up with torches and pipes—each torch rack wainscoted, and desks all of mahogany. On the west side will be a hall 3 feet 6 inches wide with a flight of stairs leading into the second story. The second floor will contain a large hall 22 by 32 feet deep and 16 feet high, and a committee room or library. It is to be finished with the best material, and have a raised platform. The front of the hall to have two large side windows, all of stained glass with emblems. The front is to be of the Corinthian style of architecture, and the first story all of cut stone. There are to be three doorways; the engine doorway to be 8 feet 9 inches wide and 12 feet high; all the jambs returned of stone, and all the openings have circular heads. The second story is to be of the best quality of press brick, cornice and balustrade of brick, plastered and painted in imitation of stone. The whole height of the front is 37 feet from the sidewalk. The company confidently expect to get into their new building on the 1st of September, at latest. The plan of the building was drawn by L. R. Townsend, Architect.

First Assistant Engineer Free ruptured himself dangerously at the late fire on Kearny street, in jumping through the window of a building which was on fire. He did not leave the ground until the fire was subdued, although suffering great agony. Dr. Stout, one of the Department physicians, is attending him, and with careful nursing he will recover.

The Mutual Hook and Ladder Company of Marysville have disbanded, as a Truck company was organized as an Engine Company under the name of the "Pioneer." Her engine a new one just received from the States, is from the manufactory of Button & Co., of Waterford, New York, and cost $5,500. It is to be shipped this afternoon for Marysville.

The Military.

Military Celebration.

The numerous companies composing the batallion, formed into line on the Plaza at 9 o'clock on the morning of the 4th, preparatory to one of the finest military dress parades we have ever witnessed in California. Bugles sounded, drums beat, fifes squeaked, and bells rung, and these, together with the firing of innumerable packs of fire-crackers, the booming of cannon, and the joyful acclamations of the multitude assembled to view the parade, made it a sight well worthy to witness, and reflected great credit on the commanders of the different military companies, and the *material* of which these companies are composed, for the spirit which they evinced on this, the seventy-ninth anniversary of our National Independence. The "stars and stripes," signal colors, and flags and streamlets of various shades patterns and hues, of bunting, floated from the various flag staffs in the vicinity of the Plaza, and on every prominent building. Ladies bedecked in gay attire, with troops of laughing, jovial, rollicking little children, crowded the windows and balconies of the neighboring houses, to catch a good glimpse of the stirring scenes passing below. The indefatigable Winn was "showing up 4th of July" at the Union, to crowds of military friends, while the renowned *Turk*, in full costume, was dispensing sweets from his glass case to the rank and file. Horsemen galloped to and fro, boys fired miniature cannon, *aid-de-camps* hurried here and there, giving orders to deploy into line, and men cheered and shouted lustily; everything, in fact, was animated, and all seemed jovial and determined to pass the day, now moving here there and everywhere, in happy enjoyment. After the review by Major General Sutter, accompanied by a brilliant staff, the line was re-formed in the following marching order: First California Guards, Captain T. D. Johns, with two handsome brass 12-lb field pieces. This company attracted a great deal of admiration by the beautiful manner in which they executed their difficult manoeuvres.

CAVALRY.—First Light Dragoons, Captain J. Rowell, and the National Lancers, Captain Thos. Hayes. Both of these companies were well equipped and mounted, looking able if called upon, to render a good account of themselves if ever called into active service. The handsome new uniform of the latter, with their bright brass helmets showed to much advantage. The old veteran Major General John E. Wool, and General J. A. Sutter, attended by their staffs followed next escorted by the

INFANTRY—San Francisco Blues, Capt. W. R. Gorham; City Guards, Captain John A. Clarke; Marion Rifles, Captain Wm. Neely Johnson; and New York Volunteers, Captain J. Lippitt; after parading through the principal streets, were reviewed at noon in front of the Oriental Hotel by Major General Wool, the Commander in Chief of the Pacific Division U. S. Army. They presented a beautiful appearance. Counter marching they moved in the same order to the Polka Saloon on Commercial street, where a handsome collation was spread, and to which the visiting firemen from Marysville and Sacramento attended by the chief engineer and his assistant, and delegates from each company in the city were invited. Toasts were drank and speeches made, and every thing passed off pleasantly with nothing to mar the general hilarity of the occasion. At sunrise, noon and sunset, a national salute was fired by the First California Guards, Capt. Johns, on the plaza, and as the last gun of the evening salute reverberated among the surrounding hills, the various companies dismissed and repaired to their quarters. In the evening Gen Wool and Gen. Sutter with their staffs, partook of dinner at the Oriental Hotel, where the festivities were kept up until a late hour.

The day passed off with more than usual eclat. A day on which every American on these far off Pacific shores, feels the thrill of patriotism tingling through his very life-blood, makes the old young, and the young shout and shout again on this, the natal day of American freemen. Altogether the celebrated reflected great credit on this, the youngest state of the Confederacy, and one that we may justly feel proud of.

A magnificent wreath of flowers was presented to the First Light Dragoons, on the 4th of July, by some of their lady friends on Mission street. Capt. Russell received it on behalf of the company.

Several cards have appeared in the papers lately from California Engine Company, 4, and J. D. Stevenson, relative to the refusal of the latter to allow the former to use the water in his cistern on the occasion of the fire on Sacramento street, last Sunday. The statement of Col. Stevenson is incorrect in several particulars. When he was applied to for the water, he gave no reason for refusing it. When Mr. Capprise, the 3d Assistant Engineer, said to Mr. Stevenson, "Do you positively decline to allow us to use the water?" he replied, "I do, and you shall not have it." As to not wishing to let the company have the water for fear the engine would break in the cistern, it is all nonsense. The engine could have drafted the water twenty feet off, had Col. Stevenson been disposed to have been liberal or accommodsting. As we have been informed, it is true Col. Stevenson told Engineers Wheeler and Capprise that there were two cisterns somewhere in California street; but after a diligent prospecting tour they could not be found; and a lady standing on a stoop opposite to where Col. Stevenson said the cisterns were, told the engineers that there were no such cisterns in existence. As to the fear of the fire spreading towards the house of Col. Stevenson, it was a fallacy. The wind and the fire were in an entirely opposite direction, and if left to burn for a month, would not have reached his house. The fact of the small quantity of water in the neighborhood being an excuse for the refusal of the water, has no effect, for the cistern would have been immediately filled by order of the Chief Engineer, and that difference of 12,000 gallons which leaked out, would have been made up. The amount of the business is, Col. Stevenson was wrong in refusing the water, and the Firemen were wrong in not taking it under any circumstances. The protection of the city is of far more importance than the perverseness of one man.

The cistern at the corner of Bush and Kearny streets is half full of mud. The water that is now in it should be drawn off and the cistern cleaned. There is scarcely a cistern in the city in perfect repair.

We understand that a magnificent bazaar, on the World's Fair principle, over 200 feet in length is to be erected on Sansome street, in this city. The drawings for the edifice are already made and are very beautiful.

The Yuba Engine Company, No. 2, worked their engine on Thursday, preparatory to leaving for their home. The "Yuba" was built by Button & Co., of Waterford, N. Y., and is of ten inch cylinder. The engine was placed at the corner of Stockton street and Broadway, taking water from the cistern. An unpleasant breeze was blowing at the time, which, although it helped the stream some, scattered the water in all directions. She had five trials through 100 feet hose, 1 inch nozzle. On the first trial, manned by her own men she threw 140 feet. On the second, her hose bursted, and there was no count. On the third, manned by Vigilant No. 9's men, she threw 160 feet. Previous to playing for the fourth time, her position was shifted, and her hose were laid on Broadway, down hill, and she threw 192 feet. Maintaining the same position the Yuba's played through the same length of hose 1¼ inch nozzle, 149 feet, and upon a second trial under the same circumstances 159 feet. One trial of open butt, 2¼ inches, 50 feet hose, first trial 36 feet 3 inches. Second trial 45 feet 9 inches. The Yuba is capable of doing better, she has it in her and as Ephe Horn says of the last note—"It's in there and must come out."

As the new ordinance extending the fire limits went into operation on Saturday last, frame buildings cannot be erected on the site of the late fire. Owners of lots in the burnt district will have a fine opportunity of improving that part of the city by erecting substantial brick buildings.

BIRTH:

In this city, July 5th, the lady of Reuben Cutler Moore, Esq., of a daughter.

MARRIED:

In this city, July 4th, by the Rev. E. S. Lacy, Mr. David N. Hawley, of the firm of J. M. Brown & Co., of this city, to Grace Dunbar, daughter of E. Bigelow, Esq., of Charlestown, Mass. Also, at the same time and place, Mr. Chas. A. Hawley, of the firm of Hawley & Co., to Miss Lizzie L. Bradford, daughter of Geo. B. Bradford, all of this city.

DIED:

In this city, July 4th, of consumption, Mrs. Eliza Berry, a native of Scotland, wife of Mr. Alex. Stott aged 44 years.

☞ New York and Scottish papers please copy.

In Honolulu, June 13th, K. K. A. Paki, Privy Councillor to His Majesty, and Member of the House of Nobles, aged 46 years and 10 months.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

BOARD OF DELEGATES.—The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board will be held at their Chambers in the City Hall, on Wednesday evening next July 11th; at 7½ o'clock. By order,

MARCUS D. BORUCK, Secretary.

MONUMENTAL No. 6.—The Regular Monthly drill will be held this, Saturday evening, July 7th, at 8 o'clock. By order.

CHARLES M. CHASE, Secretary.

VIGILANT No. 9.—The Regular Monthly Meeting of your company will be held on Thursday evening next, July 12th, at 8 o'clock. By order,

A. IRVING ELLIS, Secretary.

CHIEF ENGINEER'S OFFICE, San Francisco, July 6th, 1855

$500 Reward will be paid for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who caused to be piled up in Washington Square, a large quantity of straw, shavings, etc., on the night of the 3d of July, and igniting the same, causing a false alarm of fire to be struck by the Hall Bell Any person having information relative thereto, will please forward the same to me at my office.

CHARLES P DUANE,
Chief Engineer, S. F. F. D.

ST. FRANCIS HOOK AND LADDER CO., No. 1.—An adjourned regular Monthly Meeting of the above company will take place on Wednesday evening next, July 12th, at 8 o'clock. By order,

JACOB EZEKIEL, Secretary.

A CARD.

At a meeting of the St. Francis H. & L. Co. No. 1, it was unanimously resolved, that a vote of thanks be tendered to Mrs. De Young, 135 Bush street, for the liberal supply of refreshments furnished at the late fire on Kearny street.

JACOB EZEKIEL, Secretary.

MRS. J. W. THOMAN

Has the honor to announce to her friends and the public that her FIRST BENEFIT at the AMERICAN THEATRE, will take place on

Monday Evening next, July 9th,

On which occasion an elegant and attractive bill will be offered. jy7

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BUSH STREET NEAR MONTGOMERY.

ARTISTS'

Sixth Grand Masquerade Ball.

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Stage Manager.....Mr JAMES DOWLING.

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PAULINE!

Count Horace de Beauval - - - Mr Wheatleigh
Pauline - - - - Miss Laura Keene

Pas De Deux, by Mlle Thierry and Mons Barnardilla

To conclude with the Comic Drama of

JUBILEE HOUSE!

Mons. Tourbillon, - - - - Mr. Wheatleigh
Master Bob Nettles. - - - Miss Laura Keene

PRICES OF ADMISSION:

Dress Circle and Parquette $2 00
Family Circle.....1 00
Gallery.....25 Cents | Third Tier.....50
Orchestra Seats.....3 00
Private Boxes 10 00

Doors open at 7½, and Performances commence at 8 o'clock precisely.

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ON NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 24TH, 1855,

And every succeeding Sunday. The ORCHESTRA, full and complete, comprises the following Artists:—

E. Schutz, C. Kohler, A. Fischer, } 1st Violins
S. Smitz, C. Schultz, } 2d Violins
A. Helwig, ... Alto
E. Hegelund...Violincello
C. Kull,....Contra Basso

C. Koppitz .....Flute
J. K. Kendall, 1st Claronet
F. Bohme....2d Claronet
C. Fisher..... 1st Horn
E. Schiffel.....2d Horn
C. York.....Cornet
E. Buchel.....Trombone

Leader of the Orchestra, - - E. SCHUTZ.

☞ MR. MARTIN SIMONSEN, the celebrated Violinist, is engaged, and will perform a Solo every alternate Sunday evening. Arrangements have been made with several celebrated Artists and Vocalists, who will appear in the course of the season.

The Concert will take place at

THE TERN-VEREIN HALL,

Bush st. between Stockton and Powell.

Doors open at 7 o'clock, - Performance to commence at 8 o'clock precisely.

☞ PRICE OF ADMISSION—50 CENTS. ☜

DISSOLUTION.

The Copartnership heretofore existing between the subscribers under the style of LORD & WEBB, expires by its own limitation this day The affairs of the late firm will be settled and the business continued at the old stand, by D. S. LORD & CO.

D. S. LORD,
G. A. MENDON,
San Francisco, July 1st, 1855. C. C. WEBB.

COPARTNERSHIP NOTICE.

The undersigned have this day formed a Copartnership, under the style of D. S. LORD & CO., for the purpose of transacting a wholesale

STATIONERY AND PAPER BUSINESS.

and will continue the business of the late firm of LORD & WEBB, at their old stand, No. 133, Sansome street.

D. S. LORD,
G. A MENDON,
jy7 G. A. VAN BOKKELEN.

Pacific Mail Steamship Co.'s Line

FOR NEW YORK AND NEW ORLEANS.
VIA PANAMA:

By Steamship and Railroad!

The new and elegant Steamship

2,500 Tons..... Commander.

Will leave Vallejo Street Wharf for PANAMA with the U. S. Mails, Passengers, and Treasure,

ON MONDAY.....JULY 16th,

at 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Entire Isthmus Transit by Railroad

FIFTY POUNDS OF BAGGAGE FREE

☞ Passengers by the P. M. S. S. Co.'s Line will make the Isthmus Transit BY CARS, over the Panama Railroad, which is now finished from Ocean to Ocean.

The completion of the Railroad obviates all the difficulties and inconveniences heretofore experienced in crossing the Isthmus and makes the transit for families most comfortable, safe and speedy.

The Panama Route offers facilities to passengers, not offered by any other route.

FIFTY POUNDS OF BAGGAGE will be allowed to each Passenger, Free!

All above that amount will be charged at the rate of ten cents per pound.

☞ Treasure for shipment will be received on board the Steamer until 10 o'clock, P. M., on SATURDAY, 16th. inst

For freight or passage, apply to

FORBES & BABCOCK, Agents.
Corner of Sacremento and Leidesdorff sts.

The Sonora will be succeeded by the Steamship Golden Age, to leave on Monday July 16th. jy7

NICARAGUA STEAMSHIP CO.'S LINE!

FOR NEW YORK AND NEW ORLEANS,
VIA SAN JUAN.

SHORTEST, QUICKEST AND HEALTHIEST ROUTE.

THROUGH AHEAD OF THE MAILS.

Only 12 Miles Land Carriage! Macadamized Roads. ONLY DIRECT LINE FOR NEW ORLEANS.

The favorite steamship

Uncle Sam,

C. H Baldwin, Commander,

Will sail from Jackson Street Wharf, for SAN JUAN DEL SUR,

ON MONDAY, JULY 16th, at 9 o'clk A. M.

Connecting on the Atlantic with the steamers Northern Light, New York and Prometheus for New Orleans.

The water in the San Juan is high, and it is confidently expected that the present trip will be made to New York in 20 days.

The Company have placed three new and commodious Steamers on Lake Nicaragua, fitted up with sleeping accommodations for passengers, doing away with any risk of delay on the route. For further particulars, apply to

C. K. GARRISON, Agent
jy7 Corner of Sacremento and Leidesdorff sts.

THE EAGLE HAT STORE,

Has now the most complete assortment of

HATS

Of every description on hand,

Ever produced by any establishment in this country—such as all qualities and colors of

GENTLEMEN'S SOFT HATS,

Of French and American manufacture.

LADIES' RIDING HATS,

Of all the modern styles on hand CAPS of all styles and grades. His Silk Hats and Beavers of course, cannot be surpassed by any house in the city for style and quality.

C. J. COLLINS & CO.,
No. 157 Commercial street,
jy7 between Montgomery and Kearny.

WELLS, FARGO & CO.'S
EXPRESS NOTICE.

FOR THE STEAMER OF JULY 16th, 1855.

Via Nicaragua.

Our next Express for the Atlantic States and Europe, will be dispatched by the Nicaragua Steamship Co.'s steamer

Uncle Sam,

C. H Baldwin, Commander,
On Monday, ...July 16th, 1855

—AT 9 O'CLOCK, A. M—

In charge of a special messenger.

Treasure received for shipment (and insured) until 12 o'clock on Saturday night, July 16th, and small packages and parcels received until within one hour of the time of sailing. WELLS, FARGO & CO.,
jy7 Corner of Montgomery and California sts

WELLS, FARGO & CO'S
EXPRESS NOTICE.

FOR THE STEAMER OF JULY 16th, 1855.

Via Panama.

Our next Regular Express for the Atlantic States and Europe will be dispatched by the Pacific Mail Steamship Company's steamer

Commander,
On Monday,.....July 16th 1855

—AT 9 O'CLOCK, A. M—

IN CHARGE OF A SPECIAL MESSENGER.

Treasure received for shipment [and insured] until 12 o'clock on Saturday Evening, July 14th, and small Packages and Parcels received until one hour of time of sailing.

☞ EXCHANGE drawn on most of the principal cities and towns in the Atlantic States.

WELLS, FARGO & CO,
jy7 Corner Montgomery and California sts.

FREEMAN & CO.,

SUCCESSORS TO ADAMS & CO.'S

FREIGHT, PACKAGE, PARCEL,

AND LETTER

EXPRESS.

Office In Armory Building, 124 Montgomery st.
Corner of Sacramento.

The undersigned having purchased the entire interest of Messrs. Adams & Co. in the **New York and California Express,** will continue the business under the name and style of

Freeman & Co's

NEW YORK AND CALIFORNIA

EXPRESS,

And are now prepared to transport **Freight, Baggage, Packages, Parcels, Gold Dust, Specie, etc.,** by every steamer via Panama and Nicaragua routes to destination.

We shall also make up an **Express Letter Bag,** and forward regularly by every steamer, in charge of a special Messenger.

Having been engaged in the Express business for the past ten years, and being still connected with the principal Expresses in the Atlantic States, we are enabled to transmit **all kinds** of Express matter without delay to any part of the Union; also to Canada, Nova Scotia &c

We likewise connect with **Sanford & Co's European Express**

FROM NEW YORK TO LIVERPOOL, LONDON, PARIS, HAVRE, ETC.,

Who forward through with great dispatch.

Our **Third Express** hence, will leave San Francisco on MONDAY, JULY 16, AT 9 O'CLOCK A. M. By the U. S. Mail steamer **Golden Age** via Panama, and steamship **Uncle Sam,** same day and hour, via Nicaragua.

Express Letter Bags close at **Fifteen Minutes** before the sailing of the steamers.

All Letters **must** be enclosed in Government Envelopes or they will not be received.

Rates for single Letters, 12½ cents.

JAMES M. FREEMAN,
JOHN K. STIMSON,
JOSIAH HEDDEN,
JOHN HOEY. } Proprietors.

JOHN M. FREEMAN, Manager,
San Francisco,
No. 124 Montgomery Street,
Armory Building.

San Francisco, July 7, 1855. jy7

Still Further Reductions!!

A. AUSTIN & CO.,

Will offer on Monday, and succeeding days until disposed of, an additional lot of

DESIRABLE SILKS;

Mantillas, Embroideries,

And other goods in their line, at prices still less than before—it being necessary to make room for new goods to arrive. Ladies may be sure of getting bargains

Montgomery street, between Sacramento and California streets. je23

WONDERFUL BARGAINS!

SELLING OFF AT TUCKER'S!

FORTY PER CENT. BELOW COST!

WATCHES, DIAMONDS, CHAINS, AND EVERYTHING IN THE SILVER LINE, SILVER WARE, ETC. ETC. ETC.

OWING TO THE DEPRESSED STATE OF TRADE at present I have determined to sell from $20,000 to $30,000 worth of Jewelry at the above prices, rather than to borrow money at exorbitant rates of interest. Holding as I do a stock of FINE JEWELRY **worth** $175,000, it becomes necessary to find a market for some of it; and feel willing to make a sacrifice on a small amount This will be the LAST CHANCE that you will ever have to purchase such goods at such prices.

No 125 MONTGOMERY STREET.

J. W. TUCKER.

San Francisco. April 7. 1855

HANDSOME AND CHEAP.

IRE CERTIFICATES Framed in every variety of style and pattern Double-deck and other Engines Hose Carriages and Hook and Ladder EMBLEMS, got up to order, at short notice.

Particular attention paid to Framing pictures, engravings, paintings, drawings, &c. Orders from any part of the United States executed with neatness and dispatch. GEORGE M. HARDING,
m5 No 6, Division street, New York.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

We desire to notify our customers and the public, that we will remove to the new Banking House on the southwest corner of Clay and Battery streets, on the 4th of July next; at which place we shall be prepared to transact business at 9 o'clock on Thursday morning, July 5th.

je30 DREXEL, SATHER & CHURCH.

LIFE INSURANCE.

THE NATIONAL LOAN FUND LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY, of London and New York.

THE ÆTNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, Of Connecticut.

Agency for California—
ARTHUR B. STOUT, M. D., Agent,
No. 240 Washington street.
je30 Between Dupont and Stockton streets.

B. B. THAYER & CO.,

IMPORTERS OF DRUGS AND CHEMICALS,

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

AGENTS FOR

MESSRS. BAILEY & WILLS,

Horse Field Chemical Works,
WOLVERHAMPTON, England.

Messrs. A. A. Rowland & Sons, } LONDON.
" John Gosnell & Co., }
" Thomas Keating.

Orders from the trade for articles from either of the above Manufacturers, will be promptly executed at the **Manufacturer' Prices.** je9

COTTON DUCK, MANILA & TARRED ROPE &C

WE are constantly receiving invoices of Duck, Rope &c. direct from the Factories in the Atlantic States; and to dealers and consumers are prepared to sell at the lowest market rates. Also constantly on hand. Tar, Pitch, Rosin Paints, Oils &c. Blocks of all kinds Oars, Sculls, and a general assortment of Ship Chandlery

ADRIAN & STORY.
a12 87 & 89 Front street one door from Clay

CALIFORNIA STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

Arrangements for June, 1855.

DEPARTURES FROM VALLEJO ST. WHARF

FOR SACRAMENTO
VIA BENICIA.
....Daily, at 4 o'clock P. M.....

Steamer SENATOR, Capt. E. A. Poole, Master; Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.

Steamer ANTELOPE, D. Van Pelt, Master; Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

FOR MARYSVILLE,
VIA BENICIA.
.....Daily, at 4 o'clock, P. M.....

BY THE SACRAMENTO STEAMERS CONNECTING with the Company's LIGHT DRAUGHT STEAMERS at Sacramento. ☞ Through Tickets issued

FOR STOCKTON,
VIA MARTINEZ.
....Daily at 4 o'clock, P. M.....

Steamer CORNELIA, E. CONCKLIN, Master, MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, and FRIDAYS.

Steamer URILDA, CLARK, Master TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS and SATURDAYS

FOR COLUSI, RED BLUFFS
AND INTERMEDIATE LANDINGS.
....Daily at 4 o'clock, P. M....

BY THE SACRAMENTO STEAMERS, CONNECTING with the Company's Light Draught Steamers, which leave Sacramento

Tuesdays Thursdays and Saturdays, at 12 o'clock, M.

Freight by the above Boats must be paid for on delivery. For particulars, apply at the office of the Company, Jackson street, beween Battery and Front, to

SAM J. HENSLEY, President.

Office of the California Steam Navigation Co., } San Francisco, June 1, 1855 } j2

PACIFIC EXPRESS COMPANY

THE LATE EMPLOYEES OF ADAMS & CO., IN consequence of the disruption of that firm, have organized themselves into a

JOINT STOCK COMPANY,

under the above name and title, for the purpose of conducting a GENERAL EXPRESS AND FORWARDING BUSINESS in all its branches, throughout California, Oregon, and the Pacific coast generally.

The business will be strictly and solely a forwarding one, having no connection with Banks or Bankers, and will be conducted on safe and economical principles.

The Expresses will leave the office, at the northwest corner of Washington and Montgomery streets daily at regular hours for Sacramento and the Northern Mines, Stockton and the Southern Mines San Jose, San Juan, and Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Pedro and the Southern Coast generally, as well as to the Northern Coast of California and to Oregon. We will also run a Regular Express, for freight, small parcels and letters, to and from the Atlantic States by every steamer.

The parties who have organized this Company are well known in the community as old and experienced Expressmen, and hope it will be acknowledged generally that they understand their business thoroughly They think they are not saying too much when they attribute much of their success of the late firm of Adams & Co., in the Express business to their exertions and personal energies.

In conclusion, they would solicit a fair share of the favors of the public, pledging themselves to exert their best endeavors to transact such business as may be entrusted to them in a prompt and business like manner.

Collections of all kinds will be promptly attended to on any of the points mentioned above.

a7 R. G. NOYES, President

NEW DRY GOODS!

Received by late arrivals, at

S. ROSENTHAL'S,

Corner of Kearny and Commercial Streets.

75 Silk Dresses ....$7 50 per dress
250 Dresses, Indiennes a carc.....$2 per dress
150 pieces Toile de Nord..... ...37½ cts. per yard
100 doz Ladies' White Hose.....$1 50 per doz
100 doz White Linen Cambric Hdkfs.....$1 70 per doz
100 pieces White Linen Cambric Hdkfs.....$2 per doz
200 pieces Bonnet Ribbons.....5 cts. per yard
100 pieces Bonnet Ribbons.....31 cts. per yard
Silks, plain colors, as well as black Moire Antique, superior quality. Also—

A Large Invoice of French Needle Work, the Latest Style.

je30

"NULLI SECUNDUS"

WILLIAM M. HIXON,

UPHOLSTERY, PAPER HANGING,

CARPET & OIL CLOTH ESTABLISHMENT,

Fire Proof Brick Store, 172 Clay St., above Mont'y.

I am constantly receiving the latest styles of Curtain Materials and Trimmings. Window Shades and Venitian Blinds, with the most approved style of fixtures. French and American Paper Hangings, and Borders, wholesale and retail. Houses clothed and papered at short notice.

UPHOLSTERY WORK,

In its various branches promptly and personally attended to

All orders for work or material, at the lowest rates

Steamboats and Ship's Cabins furnished with neatness and despatch. Proprietors of Hotels and Saloons, will find it to their advantage to call and examine my Stock before purchasing elsewhere. WILLIAM M. HIXON.

a21 3m Upholsterer and Paper Hanger.
No 172 Clay St., above Montgomery.

H. BLUM'S,

GENTLEMEN'S FASHIONABLE FURNISHING STORE.

103 Montgomery Street, between

SACRAMENTO AND CALIFORNIA.

Largest sizes of all kinds of Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods; lately received a large assortment of fine shirts also night shirts and drawers.

Genuine Alexander's Kid Gloves &c.

N. B Particular attention paid to the fitting of Customers, with the latest styles, which are received every steamer. jl6

MRS C. PIERSON.

NATIONAL AND FANCY

FLAG MAKER.

BROADWAY BELOW STOCKTON STREET NORTH SIDE

Guide, Sign, Signal, and other Flags of all descriptions made to order. Constantly on hand a variety of American Ensigns.

T. BOVERAT.

BLACK AND LOCK SMITH,

Jackson Street, between Dupont & Stockton

SAN FRANCISCO.

Jobbing done with neatness and despatch. je23

CAPT. W. H. FOLGER. KENNETH MACLEA.

FOLGER & MACLEA,

SHIP CHANDELRY,

Ship and Steamer Stores,

☞ **Corner of Front and Pacific Streets,** ☜

SAN FRANCISCO.

FOLGER & MACLEA,

FOURNISSEURS DE PROVISIONS,

Pour Navires, Batteaux, a Vapeurs

AND AUTRES,

☞ **Au Coin des Rue Front et Pacific,** ☜

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

NOTICE.—Whereas, W. B. DINSMORE, E. S. SANFORD and S. M. SHOEMAKER, comprising the firm of ADAMS & Co., of New York, have made and constituted JOHN D. SANBORN Agent, to take charge of certain unsettled business belonging to said parties in California, now this is to certify that I have transferred to the said John D. Sanborn all powers that were entrusted to me in the premises.

JOHN K. STIMSON,
Late Agent of Adams & Co., New York.
San Francisco, June 23, 1855.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—The undersigned having been appointed Agent for the settlement of all demands due the firm of ADAMS & Co., of New York, and also to take charge of certain unsettled business in the State of California, hereby gives notice to all parties interested, that he has full and sole power to settle and discharge all demands due said firm for freight, collections, rents, etc. etc.

J. D. SANBORN,
Office of J. HAWES & Co., Sacramento street.
San Francisco, June 23, 1855. je30

COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE, San Francisco June 18, 1855.

REDEMPTION OF COUNTY BONDS.—In accordance with an Act of the Legislature of the of the State of California, passed May 4, 1852, entitled an Act to fund the floating debt of the County of San Francisco, the sum of fourteen thousand four hundred dollars has been raised and set apart for the redemption of seven per cent. bonds of the County of San Francisco, payable on the 1st day of July, 1862 The holders of said bonds are hereby notified that I will redeem said bonds, less Coupons number 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, to the amount above mentioned, on the **10th day of July, 1855, at 3 o'clock, P. M.,** at Public Auction, according to said Act, and shall accept such bids as will secure the cancellation of the greatest amount of bonds.

GEORGE W. GREEN,
je23 County Treasurer.

NORCROSS'

Military, Regalia, Flag, Banner

AND TRIMMINGS

EMPORIUM,

No. 144, Sacramento St., above Montg'y,

SAN FRANCISCO.

LADIES DRESS TRIMMINGS, HOSIERY, Gloves, Worsted Embroideries, Buttons, Laces, Gimp, Fringes, and fancy articles, in great variety.

BOYS' CLOTHING,

New and Beautiful styles. Gold and Silver Embroidery, for Military and Navy Officers, and Societies, of every description, done to order.

AMERICAN ENSIGNS

of all sizes on hand, and Burgess Signals and other Flags made to order. Masonic, Odd Fellows' and other Regalia on hand and made to order on reasonable terms.

Swords, Epaulettes,

And Military Goods of all kinds; together with Gold and Silver Fringes, Theatrical Trimmings, &c., &c.

D. NORCROSS,
j9 144, Sacramento street.

Splendid Black and Green Teas—Now landing direct from China.

500 large and small chests extra Green and Black Tea. Having our Tea direct from China enables us to supply Families and others with choice Teas at wholesale prices. Sample gratis.

je23 BRADSHAW & CO.

REMOVAL.

BRYANT, ELLIS & WINEGAR'S

EMPIRE FURNITURE WAREROOMS,

Have been Removed from 135 and 137 Clay street to **134 Washington street, just below Montgomery.**

COPARTNERSHIP NOTICE.

The undersigned have formed a copartnership for the purpose of manufacturing and carrying on the Wholesale and retail Furniture Trade in this city, under the name and style of G. W. BRYANT & CO.

Resident Partners New York:

CHAS. IRVING & STEPHEN CLARK.
No. 347 Third Avenue,
Manufacturers and wholesale dealers in Cabinet Furniture.

Resident Partners in San Francisco:

G. W. BRYANT,
M. C. ELLIS,
A. B. WINEGAR,
No. 134 Washington street,
Importers and Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Furniture and Bedding.

San Francisco, June 1st. 1855.

BRYANT, ELLIS & WINEGAR have recently connected their house with one of the oldest and best manufacturing establishments in New York city, who are constantly supplying them by every clipper with every style and quality of the choicest kinds of custom made furniture.

As we manufacture our own goods, we are able to offer to our patrons a saving of one profit of at least from 10 to 20 per cent.

And also warrant entire satisfaction as regards durability and price, as we are offering goods from

10 to 25 per cent. lower

than the same style and quality have heretofore been sold.

Those who will favor us with a call will find a splendid, full and varied stock of Parlor, Chamber, Dining and Office Furniture, and not the poor auction stuff which is generally sent to this market. Remember that!

Also, a good assortment of Gilt and Mahogany Frame Looking-Glasses eight day and 30 hour Clocks Hair, Moss, and Straw Mattresses, Feather and Hair Pillows, Sheets, Pillow-cases, Counterpanes, Comforters Blankets, &c &c.

Please call at No. 134 Washington street before purchasing and judge for yourselves. je16

Northern Assurance Company,

FOR FIRE AND LIFE.

CAPITAL,.....$6,000,000.

—Chief Offices:—

London, Edinburgh,
Aberdeen, Glasgow.

Directors in London.

CHAIRMAN—The Right Hon. Lord Ernest Bruce, M. P.

John Abercrombie, Esq., Thomas N. Farquhar,
Geo. S. Anderson. Charles R. McGregor.

Buildings and Merchandise Insured on liberal terms.

Losses adjusted and settled by the undersigned, Agents of the Company. SMITH BROTHERS & CO.,
je16 cor. of California and Battery streets.

REDUCTION OF FREIGHT

To Sacramento!

From this Date, the California Steam Navigation Company will carry freight to Sacramento at

THREE DOLLARS PER TON,

until further notice.

SAM'L J. HENSLEY, Pres't.
Office Cal. S. N. Co., June 21st, 1855 je23

FIGEL & BROTHER,

Gentlemen's Clothing

—AND—

FURNISHING STORE,

191 Clay St., three doors from Kearny,

SAN FRANCISCO.

ESTABLISHED IN 1849.

We tender our sincere thanks to our friends and patrons for the liberal support received during the past, and are happy to inform them that we have lately received, via the Isthmus, a splendid assortment of fresh and desirable

CLOTHING & FURNISHING GOODS,

Which, added to our former stock, makes it unsurpassed by that of any other house in this city, and which we are prepared to sell at a very trifling advance on home cost.

We have extra fine Frock and Dress Coats, all colors; Business Suits; extra fine black and fancy Cassimere Pants, Vests, all kinds; Davis' and Jones' Patent Shirts, all qualities and styles, Alexander's Gloves; Cravats; Handkerchiefs, Collars; Canes, Trunks; Carpet Bags, Valises, Undershirts, Drawers, Caps, &c. Also—

A Large Assortment of Boys' Clothing.

Those wishing to purchase will do well to call and examine our stock before buying elsewhere.

FIGEL & BROTHER,
je23 191 Clay street.

PRUDHON & THOMAS,

CONTRACTORS AND BUILDERS,

Dupont Street, between Green and Union Sts.

SAN FRANCISCO.

Gallego and Haxall Flour—Chile Flour, fresh, in one-half and one-quarter sacks For sale in lots to suit, by DUNNE & CO.,
je23 Sansome street, near Jackson.

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Dust.

Dust we were, and dust to be,
Dust upon us, dust about us;
Dust on everything we see,
Dust within us, dust without us;
Saith the preacher, 'Dust to dust!'
Let them mingle, for they must.

Dust we raise upon the road,
Dust we breath in dancing-hall;
Dust infests our home abode,
Dust, a pall, is over all;
'T is the housewife's daily dread,
Dust, the emblem of the dead!

When the sky above is fair,
And the sun upon us streams,
Floats the dust throughout the air,
Gleaming in its fallen beams;
Every mote is like a man,
Dancing gaily while he can,

Ere the tempest gathers strong,
Blows at times the warning gust,
O'er the plain it sweeps along,
Tempest thrall, a cloud of dust.
Every mote is like a man
Flying from Oppression's van.

Now the swollen clouds grow dark,
Comes the long expected flood,
Falling deluge-like and stark;
Dust is beaten down to mud:
So are times when men must grovel,
In the palace as the hovel.

Thus we are but motes of dust,
On the ground and in the air,
Blown by pleasure, fear and lust,
Beaten down to low dispair;
Born of dust, to come to dust,
Let us mingle, for we must!

When the magistrate binds a man over, does the process make him last any longer?

The man who made a handle of a subject, is getting up a blade.

The speaker who 'took the floor' has been arrested for lumber stealing.

Why is a quack like a locomotive? Because he cannot go on without puffing.

Why did Job always sleep cold? Because he had miserable comforters.

Why is a weathercock like a loafer? Because it is constantly going round doing nothing.

A vain man can never be altogether rude — Desirous as he is of pleasing, he fashions his manners after those of others.

'Martha, have you hung up the clothes?'—'No madam, I placed them in a state of suspension—hung is vulgar.'

Contradiction should awaken our attention and care, but not our passions; we should be on no side nor interest but the truth.

'I don's like to patronize this line,' said a culprit to the hangman. 'O never mind this once,' was the reply, 'it will soon suspend its operations.'

A genius remarked the other day with a grave face, that however prudent and virtuous young widows might be, he had seen many a gay young widow err.

'Sure, an' it wasn't poverty that drove me from the ould country,' said Michael the other day, 'for my father had twinty-one yoke of oxen and a cow, and they gave milk the year round.'

'Jane, give the baby some laudnum and put it to sleep, and bring me my parasol. I am going to a meeting for the melioration of the condition of the human race.'

'Bob, have you settled that affair with Simpkins yet?' 'Yes; he kicked me off the stoop the other day, and since that he has stopped bothering me.' Bob's ideas of 'bothering' are certainly original.

Our army has been so long trying to march into Sebastopol, that one would almost imagine it had come to a stand-still under the influence of a lame commander, in the shape of a 'General Halt.'—[Punch.

A young soldier belonging to Glasgow, has sent home from the Crimea, a pistol bullet firmly embedded in a tetotal medal. He carried in his waistcoat pocket this medal, which arrested the bullet, and it is to be presumed saved his life.

Lady Market Herbert asked somebody for a pretty pattern for a night cap.

'Well,' said the person, 'what signifies the pattern of a night cap?'

'O child,' said she, 'but you know in case of fire.'

'How do you get along with your arithmetic?' asked a father of his little boy. 'I've ciphered through addition, partition, subtraction, distraction, abomination, justification, hallucination, darnation, amputation, creation and adoption.'—He'd do for an engineer on a 'Short Line Rail Road.'

A virgin of twenty-three was lately throwing out some affected sneers at matrimony, when a grave friend in the company made the remark 'that marriages were made in Heaven.' 'Can you tell me my dear sir, rejoined the cunning nymph, 'why they are so slow in coming down?'

'Friend, said a jailor, 'it is very wrong to swear as you do; why do you do it?'

'Because,' replied the prisoner, 'I've understood that a man may swear out of jail in thirty days, and I want to see if it can't be done in fifteen. I am going to set up all night and do my worst.'

Omens are multiplying in the West. It is said that a hen's egg was found lately at Chilicothe, Ohio, in a huckster's lot, with protuberated letters in the shell, containing these words: 'Consuming fire in 1856.'

The Cincinnati Steam Engine will then have a chance.

One's heart must needs melt over this feeling appealing colloquy between a store-keeper and his customer:

STORE-KEEPER: 'That's a bad fifty-cent piece, I can't take it. It is only lead silvered over.'

'Well,' replies the customer, 'admitting such to be the fact, I should say that the ingenuity displayed in the deception might induce you to accept it. Admire, sir, the devotion of the artist to the divine idea of LIBERTY, the idol of us all He having wrought her effigy in humble lead, in order to make it worthier of that glorious impression, resorts to the harmless expedient of silvering it over! And shall *we* harshly repudiate his work? Oh, *no*, sir! you'll *take* it, I know you will!'

'Enough said;' he *did* take it!

SCENE AT THE GATE OF PARADISE.—A poor tailor being released from a troublesome world and a scolding wife, appeared at the gate of Paradise. Peter asked him if he had ever been in Purgatory.

'No,' said the tailor, 'but I've been married.'

'Oh,' said Peter, 'that is all the same.'

The tailor had scarcely got in, before a fat, turtle eating alderman came puffing and blowing.

'Hallo, you fellow,' said he, 'open the gate.'

'Not so fast,' said Peter, 'have you ever been in Purgatory?'

'No,' said the alderman, 'but what is that to the purpose? You let in that poor, half-starved tailor, and he has been in Purgatory no more than I.'

'But he has been married!' said Peter.

'Married!' exclaimed the alderman, 'why I've been married twice!'

'Then go back again,' said Peter, 'Paradise is not the place for fools.'

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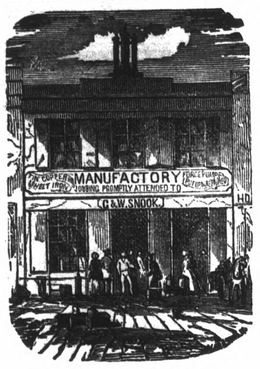

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Samuel J. Hensley, A. Reddington, David Van Pelt,
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ORDINANCES.

ORDINANCE 813—PROVIDING FOR THE distribution of the Fire Dead Fund—for the erection of Engine Houses—and other purposes

The People of the City of San Francisco do ordain as follows:—

SEC. 1. That the following sums be and are hereby appropriated out of the money now in the hands of the City Treasurer, derived from the sale of the Fire Bonds, viz:

For the erection of an engine house for the use of Empire Engine Co. No 1, on a lot purchased by ordinance for the use of said company, situated on Sacramento street, near Kearny street, the sum of sixty-five hundred dollars.

For the erection of an engine house for the use of Emfornia Engine Co. No. 4, on a lot purchased by ordin for the use of said company, situated on Market street near Sansome street, the sum of sixty-five hundred dollars.

For the erection of an engine house for the use of Monumental Engine Co. No 6, on a lot purchas d by this ordinance for the use of said company, situated on Brenham Place, near Clay street, the sum of sixty-five hundred dollars.

For the erection of an engine house for the use of Volunteer Engine Co. No. 7, on a lot purchased by ordinance for the use of said company, situated on Pine street, near ——— street, the sum of sixty-five hundred dollars.

For the erection of an engine house for the use of Pacific Engine Co. No. 8, on a lot purchased by ordinance for the use of said company, situated on Jackson street, near Front street, the sum of seven thousand dollars.

For the erection of an engine house for the use of Vigilant Engine Co. No. 9, on a lot purchased by ordinance for the use of said company, situated on Stockton street, near Broadway, the sum of sixty-five hundred dollars.

For the erection of an engine house for the use of Crescent Engine Co. No. 10, situated on Pacific street, near Kearny street, the sum of sixty five hundred dollars.

For the erection of an engine house for the use of Columbian Engine Co. No 11, on a lot purchased by ordinance for the use of said company situated on Bush street, near Kearny street, the sum of sixty-five hundred dollars

For the erection of an engine house for the use of Pennsylvania Engine Co. No. 13, on a lot purchased by ordinance for the use of said company, situated on Jackson street near Kearny, the sum of seven thousand dollars.

For the erection of an engine house for the use of Young America Engine Co. No. 13, on a lot purchased by ordinance for the use of said company situated on Centre street, near Valencia street, the sum of sixty-five hundred dollars.

For the erection of a hook and ladder house for the use of Hook and Ladder Company No. Francis No. 1, on a lot purchased by ordinance for the use of said company, situated on Dupont street, near Sacramento street, the sum of seven thousand dollars.

For the erection of a hook and ladder house for the use of Hook and Ladder Co. Lafayette No 2, on a lot purchased by ordinance for the use of said company, situated on Broadway, near Stockton street, the sum of seven thousand dollars.

For the repairs of an engine house located on Merchant street, near Sansome street, now occupied by Howard Engine Company No. 3, the sum of four thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. That the sum of thirty-five hundred dollars be and is hereby appropriated out of the money now in the hands of the city treasurer, derived from the sale of the Fire Bonds, for the purchase of the right, title and interest of Knickerbocker Engine Company No. 5, in and to an engine house now occupied by Knickerbocker Engine Co No. 5, situated on Sacramento street, near Sansome, and to eight inches of ground running the full depth of the lot upon which said house is located.

SEC. 3. That the sum of thirty-five hundred dollars be and is hereby appropriated out of the money now in the hands of the city treasurer, derived from the sale of the Fire Bonds, for the purchase of the right, title and interest of Monumental Engine Co. No. 6, in and to a lot on Brenham Place, now in the use and possession of said Company.

SEC. 4. That the sum of thirty five hundred dollars be and is hereby appropriated out of the money now in the hands of the city treasurer, derived from the sale of the Fire Bonds, for the purchase of the right, title and interest of Sansome Hook and Ladder Company No. 3.

SEC. 5. Within ten days after the passage of this ordinance, each of the companies named in section 1st, shall elect a Board of Trustees, to consist of the foreman of the company, (who shall be ex officio chairman of said Board) and four of its members; the same to constitute a Building Committee of the company. It shall be their duty to procure as soon as practicable, plans and specifications for the erection of suitable houses for the use of their respective companies, and in the case of Howard Engine Co. No 3, plans and specifications for the suitable repairs of the building now occupied by them, and submit the same, together with the estimates of at least two responsible builders, of the probable cost of the same, to the Joint Committee on Fire and Water, and the Chief Engineer of the Department, for their approval.

Whenever the Joint Committee on Fire and Water, and the Chief Engineer shall have approved any plan or specification so submitted, the said Trustees shall be and are hereby authorized to contract for the erection of a building, and in the case of Howard Engine Co. No. 3, to contract for the repair of a building, according to said approved plans and specifications; Provided however that they first enter into a bond with good and sufficient sureties in double the estimated cost of said building, or said repairs, that they will cause said building to be erected or said repairs to be made in accordance with said plans and specifications, within sixty days after the date of said approval; that no liens for labor or materials shall accrue against the said building; that no claims against the same for extras or additional work shall exist on the part of the Trustees, the company, or any person or persons, and that the same shall be solely the property of the City of San Francisco.

SEC. 6. In case any of the Companies named in section 1st of this Ordinance, fail to comply with the provisions of section 5th, it shall then be the duty of the Joint Committee on Fire and Water, and the Chief Engineer, at the expiration of ten days succeeding the passage of this Ordinance, to adopt a plan and specifications for the erection of a building for the use of the company so failing, and in the case of Howard Engine Co. No. 3, for the repairs of the building now occupied by them, and upon the adoption of said plan and specifications, to advertise for ten days in at least two of the daily newspapers, for proposals for the erection or repair of the same in accordance with said plans and specifications. Said proposals to be accompanied by the names of at least two responsible sureties, and to be opened by the Chief Engineer in the presence of the Joint Committee on Fire and Water, the contract to be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, PROVIDED HOWEVER, the lowest responsible bid shall not exceed the amount appropriated for the erection or repair of a building for the use of said Company by this Ordinance.

SEC. 7. The City Comptroller is hereby authorized and instructed to draw his warrant upon the City Treasurer, payable out of the money now in his hands derived from the sale of the Fire Bonds, for the sums named in Section 1st of this Ordinance, upon the orders of the Joint Committee on Fire and Water, and the Chief Engineer, PROVIDED HOWEVER, that no warrant shall be drawn for the payment of the cost of any building until the same shall have been completed and delivered over to the city; and provided, that where the contract shall have been executed by the Chief Engineer and the Joint Committee on Fire and Water, the warrant for the same shall not exceed the amount specified in said contract.

SEC 8. The City Comptroller is hereby authorized and instructed to draw his warrant upon the City Treasurer, payable out of the money now in his hands derived from the sale of the Fire Bonds, in favor of the foreman of the respective companies, for the sums named in Sections 2nd, 3d and 4th of this Ordinance, upon the orders of the Joint Committee on Fire and Water.

SEC 9. It is hereby made the duty of the Chief Engineer to superintend the erection of the buildings provided for in this Ordinance.

HENRY HAIGHT,
President pro tem of Board of Assistant Aldermen.
JOS. F ATWILL,
President of Board of Aldermen.
Approved, June 9th, 1855.
S. P. WEBB, Mayor.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of an ordinance passed the Common Council finally, and returned by the Mayor with his approval, dated May 16, 1855.
je16 T. M. J. DEHON, Clerk.

ORDINANCE 816, REPEALING SECTION 1 of Ordinance No. 282, Revised City Ordinance of the City of San Francisco, and inserting a substitute.

Sec. 1. That section 1 of Ordinance No. 282 Revised City Ordinances of the City of San Francisco, be and the same is hereby repealed, and the following inserted as a substitute:

"Section 1. All dwelling houses, stores or other buildings whatsoever, except such as are hereinafter provided for, which, after the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, shall be built or erected within that part of the city of San Francisco bounded as follows, to wit:

Commencing at the N. W. corner of Market and Davis streets, running thence northerly along the western line of Davis street, to the S. W. corner of Davis and Washington streets, thence westerly along the southern line of Washington street to the S. W. corner of Washington and Front streets, thence northerly along the western line of Front street to the southwest corner of Front and Vallejo streets, thence westerly along the southerly line of Vallejo street to the S. E corner of Vallejo and Battery streets, thence southerly along the eastern line of Battery street to the S. E corner of Battery and Broadway streets, thence westerly along the southern line of Broadway street to the S. E corner of Broadway and Stockton streets, thence southerly along the eastern line of Stockton street to the N. E corner of Stockton and California streets, thence easterly along the northern line of California street to the N. E corner of California and Dupont streets, thence southerly along the eastern line of Dupont street to the N. E. corner of Dupont and Sutter streets, thence easterly along the northern line of Sutter street to the N. E corner of Sutter and Kearny streets, thence southerly along the eastern line of Kearny street to its intersection with Market street, thence north-easterly along the northern line of Market street to the place of beginning," shall be made and constructed of stone or brick, with party or fire walls, rising at least two feet above the roof, and shall be covered with brick, slate, tile, cement, or other safe material against fire.

HENRY HAIGHT,
Present pro tem. of Board of Assistant Aldermen.
JOS. F. ATWILL,
President of Board of Aldermen.
Approved, June 12, 1855.
S. P. WEBB, Mayor.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of an ordinance passed the Common Council finally, and returned by the Mayor with his approval dated June 12, 1855.
je16 T. M. J. DEHON, Clerk.

DR. T. R. SPEAR,
SURGICAL AND MECHANICAL DENTIST,
AT HIS OLD STAND,